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FOREWORD

It is the last week of May, 1990, and I am walking down Sunset Boulevard waiting to interview the singer Lisa Stansfield. True, she is English and I live in London, but they tell me the Hollywood hills make for better television pictures than her manager's back yard, and I go where the work and the airline tickets take me.

Lisa is recovering from last night's show, so I have a few minutes to kill. I stroll into my favorite Los Angeles book store, which happens to be conveniently located across the street from Tower Records. Piled high on the counter are copies of the latest issue of an English literary magazine. A tease on the cover tells me why this esoteric publication has suddenly become what comics collectors might call a "hot book." This periodical contains the latest article by the suddenly most famous writer in the world, Salman Rushdie.

I am personally grateful to Mr. Rushdie. Not long ago he appeared for no fee at an AIDS fundraising reading I hosted. Indeed, I have had the perhaps unique pleasure of introducing both Salman Rushdie and Cat Stevens to live audiences, though not, I hasten to add, on the same occasion.

But now Salman Rushdie is not merely one of a handful of Britain's noblest novelists reading their work for free in the Shaw Theatre, Euston Road, London. Rushdie is on the run for his life, moving from one safe house to another, threatened by hired gunmen and religious zealots. When he isn't spending his time wondering whether it's safe to open the curtains, he is trying to keep his art and his mind in working order by doing what he does best, writing, and in this latest magazine article he is writing about the Justice League of America.

Pardon? Am I suffering from jet lag?

Have I come eight thousand miles only to go completely mad? No, this *is* by the author of THE SATANIC VERSES, and he *is* writing about the Justice League of America.

It seems that in the early sixties Rushdie, like millions of boys, read DC comics. His favorite was JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA. He was an Indian from Bombay relocated to Great Britain, seeking a place in a culture to which he was alien. The young Rushdie was drawn to the central concept of the JLA's very name. The super-heroes who were members of the group comprised the Justice League *of* America, even though they weren't *from* it. Both Superman and J'onn J'onzz came from distant planets, and Wonder Woman hailed from Paradise Island. The Martian Manhunter even had green skin! Yet without any evidence of immigration obstacles or discrimination, they had been accepted in their chosen country. *They* had been fully integrated into their new homeland. Could the young Salman Rushdie achieve the same?

I momentarily forget about Lisa Stansfield, great voice and cute kiss curl though she may have. I am deeply touched that this talented novelist has taken time out from being the world's leading symbol of freedom of speech to share his memories of the Justice League of America.

And yet I shouldn't be surprised. For all of us who were there, what is now called the Silver Age of comics is more than fondly remembered. For those of us who were deeply involved in the origins of comics fandom, it was an intense and enriching experience.

It is now 1992. Super-hero fans reading this in a comics store probably take many things about their hobby for granted. One is that there is such a thing as a comics store! In 1960 such dream palaces had not yet been conceived. Another assumption is that super-hero comic books exist. They have dominated the field for the last thirty years, true, but their very being was in peril in the mid-to-late fifties.

The most basic thing taken for granted by the modern super-hero fan is that his or her race exists at all. There were no such things as fans, only readers. We bought and read our comics in silence, perhaps sharing them with siblings and friends, but not knowing who outside our immediate circle shared our enthusiasm. The only previous comics fandom of note had been the E.C. Fan Addicts, and they were exclusively loyal to the quality line of books published in the early and mid-fifties by William M. Gaines, before the campaign to clean up the comics indiscriminately claimed suspect and innocent companies alike. Afterwards a few comics buffs occasionally raised their voices in science-fiction magazines, notably *Xero*, but most DC readers had no access to these.

We comics kids assumed there had to

be others out there who had the same feelings we did, but we didn't know who "we" were. Julius Schwartz, our favorite DC editor, made it possible for us to find out. In 1960 he began the letter page *Flash-Grams* in THE FLASH. But although we now knew who our most vocal peers were, we were still unable to correspond with them. The letter column only gave the name and town of the writer. The indispensable ingredient was added in 1961 when Schwartz started printing street addresses as well. Letters now flew not only to 575 Lexington Avenue but to homes across the country. More than postcards and envelopes were exchanged: the first fanzines found their way to us.

Jerry Bails saw my *Flash-Gram* and mailed me a sample copy of the publication he had just started with Roy Thomas. I could not contain my excitement the Saturday that the first issue of *Alter Ego* arrived at 8 Elizabeth Drive, Westport, Connecticut. I remember it was a Saturday because my father was home, and the reason I recall he was at home was that on seeing the amateur magazine he moaned "How can you read such garbage?" This was a complement to his 1957 complaint "How can you listen to this damn music?" when he caught me with Elvis Presley on the radio.

It's moments like these that make you realize you are an independent person with values and priorities of your own. *Alter Ego* was *not* garbage, it was great, and it was a lifeline! Here were two men—one of them an Assistant Professor, for heaven's sake!—and they loved the comics I loved! And how they loved the JLA! The first *Alter Ego* cover, the first glimpse I ever got of comics fandom, was Roy Thomas's JLA parody, the Bestest League of America.

I had to have more! I subscribed to *Alter Ego* and, as quickly as I learned of its existence, *Comic Art*, the work of Don and Maggie Thompson. Yes, the Beatles were shortly to affect popular culture in a wider way, but it would be right to say that Jerry, Roy, Don and Maggie were the Fab Four of Fandom. Their two pioneer publications introduced us to each other, bound us together and taught us. People who actually had knowledge of comics predating FLASH #105, and who had contacts with professionals, were as rare as Red Kryptonite. Fanzines proliferated from 1962 onwards, but this quartet was fandom's founding fathers and mother. Julius Schwartz paid tribute to Jerry Bails and Roy Thomas by naming a character after them in JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA. "Jerry Thomas" was the first Silver Age character named after fans.

Bails was a one-man dynamo who not only began *Alter Ego* with Roy but founded almost all of fandom's formative projects, including the Academy of Comic-Book Arts and Sciences. Can you imagine the excitement of receiving through the

mail his many publications, with their heady brew of insider information and heartfelt opinion? Before me now is an early issue of *The Comic Reader* with Joe Kubert giving his reflections on why Hawkman didn't get his own comic after his first BRAVE AND THE BOLD try-out, Gardner Fox consulting his records to show that he originally created Dr. Fate as Dr. Droon, and Stan Lee informing fandom he had "a five-page filler named Dr. Strange" coming up; "nothing great, but perhaps we can make something of him."

This stuff was our lifeblood, and Julius Schwartz knew it. Although we were often strident in our expressions of opinion and not always representative of the general public, Julie found fandom to be the touchstone that let him know when he was on to a good thing.

Schwartz was the man who revived the super-hero as the leading type of comics publication. The indispensable *Photo-Journal to Comic Books* by Ernst and Mary Gerber contains a graph of comic book market shares by genre from 1938 to 1970. It shows that super-heroes, so strong during the Golden Age of the late thirties to mid-forties, accounted for less than 10% of the titles published during the fifties. Only in the early sixties did the share start to increase and then, of course, the gain was dramatic.

Superman, Batman, and Wonder Woman were the great survivors, the only Golden Age super-hero characters to retain their books during the fifties. As has been retold in previous editions in this DC reprint series, Flash was revived under Julius Schwartz's direction in SHOWCASE #4 in 1956, getting his own book in 1959 after one further SHOWCASE appearance in 1957 and two more trials in 1958. For a super-speedster, there was certainly no rush, but then there was no competition. Indeed, fellow SHOWCASE stars Lois Lane and Jack Kirby's Challengers of the Unknown, regular humans all, won their own titles before Flash did. Even when Barry Allen got his own book, dated February–March 1959, it was to be another seven months before the next revival, Green Lantern, received his first SHOWCASE try-out.

Julius Schwartz had his first BRAVE AND THE BOLD series with issues #28 through #30 (March, May and July 1960). He chose to revive the Justice Society of America, the group from ALL STAR COMICS who had been the exemplar of the super-hero team during the Golden Age. As Julie related in THE AMAZING WORLD OF DC COMICS #14 (1977), "To me, 'Society' meant something you found on Park Avenue. I felt that 'League' was a stronger word, one that the readers could identify with because of baseball leagues."

There weren't many players Schwartz could bring in to bat. Flash and Wonder Woman surely qualified, having their own

books. The membership of Green Lantern was a tip-off that this character, who had finished his SHOWCASE run the month before, was likely to win his own book. J'onn J'onzz had been carrying his six pages a month in DETECTIVE for five years, so he qualified, and AQUAMAN was still swimming in Superboy's wash in ADVENTURE, so he was in.

Superman and Batman (in 1960 nobody would have dared list them the other way around) were also full members, but were not featured on the BRAVE AND THE BOLD covers, nor on the early issues of JLA. As Schwartz explained in the first *JLA Mail Room* in BRAVE AND THE BOLD #30, "these two popular heroes appear in so many other DC magazines that we thought it would be more appropriate to play up the other members." Julie later confirmed in the special JLA issue of AMAZING WORLD OF DC COMICS that the "we" in that passage included "Mort Weisinger, who was the editor of the Superman magazines, and Jack Schiff, who was the editor of the Batman magazines." They feared "the heroes might become overused and it would take away from sales on their books."

Thus the WORLD'S FINEST pair were listed on the JLA roll call, but had distinctly minor parts to play in the adventures. In the first BRAVE AND THE BOLD adventure, "Starro the Conqueror," Superman and Batman both hear the JLA emergency signal, but the Man of Steel is too busy destroying an earth-threatening meteor shower to respond, and the Caped Crusader is engaged closing in on two unnamed "archenemies who have joined forces to loot Gotham City."

The best way to get over the problem appeared in B&B #30. The two heroes go out to do their share of the work and simply don't come back. "We better signal Superman and Batman that the threat is over," Flash remembers to say on the last page. Nowadays Weisinger and Schiff's fear of reduced sales seems quaint as major heroes manage to turn up in a new issue just about every week.

The response to B&B #28 through #30 was phenomenal. The JLA only had to wait two months before getting its own book. The pace of super-hero revivals quickened. DC brought back Atom and Hawkman successfully, and it wasn't the only company to resuscitate its Golden Age stars. Martin Goodman, head of the Marvel group, noted the success of the JLA and suggested to editor Stan Lee that a super-hero team book might reverse the company's flagging fortunes. Reviving the Human Torch and inventing three new characters, Lee and artist Jack Kirby created the Fantastic Four, saving the company and beginning an entire line of heroes that survive to the present day. It is an ironic thought that without Julius Schwartz there would probably be no Marvel Comics.

Gardner Fox was the obvious choice to write JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, as he had worked on the Justice Society. He used his previous format of bringing team members together in the opening and closing chapters and sending them off on individual or dual adventures in the middle of the book. Mike Sekowsky, previously best known for his efforts on science-fiction titles, was the pencil artist. Bernard Sachs inked him.

The debate on whether Sekowsky was the right person for the job did not even end with his death, but continues to this day. He had a highly personal sense of anatomy. I wince whenever I see Snapper Carr looking middle-aged and portly in the first panel of page 22 of "Starro the Conqueror," but I'm touched by the wizened old folk in the second panel of page 9 of B&B #30, "Case of the Stolen Super-Powers." Mike's real triumph was in giving JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA an identifiable look, which helped give the book its unique nature. Issues after he left are generally less distinctive and less memorable, and there may be a cause-and-effect relationship.

JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA meant more to real fans than any other Silver Age book. As befit its status as the first team book and the first immediate hit of the period, its health and quality were of first priority to fans. The 1963 Alley Awards even included a write-in category, Artist Preferred on the Justice League of America. (For the record, Murphy Anderson, the cover artist on the first four issues of the actual JLA book and Sekowsky's inker on the B&B covers, was the narrow winner.)

Not only did we furiously debate over who should draw the JLA, we speculated over who should be in it. Looking back it seems simple: "Our intent was to use all of DC's super-heroes running at the time," Schwartz recalled. "A hero did not become a full-fledged member of the group until he appeared in his own series."

Letter columns of the time are full of discussion over who should and who should not be in the JLA, as if it were as important as which countries should or should not be in NATO or the EEC. But didn't our parents know? This wasn't real life, this was more important!

It was thus a genuine big deal when Green Arrow joined the group in JLA #4. All he had to do was save the lives of everyone except Superman and Batman (who were once again conveniently not in the room) by breaking open a gigantic diamond within which our famous five were imprisoned. The only way to do this, of course, was to split the gem with his own diamond-tipped arrow.

I am amused now when I see a letter of mine Julie printed in ATOM #2. "In all honesty, I do not think The Atom should join the Justice League of America," I confided, as if my opinion mattered. "I

don't think he has the magnitude worthy of joining the organization—especially considering his limited powers." Julie's printed response was, "We wonder how you'll size up the Atom's 'magnitude' after you read his initiation into the JLA (September issue)!" I later led off a MYSTERY IN SPACE letter column with a plan not to admit Adam Strange. "Don't do it! How would it look to have a JLA member run away in the middle of a case to hop onto a zeta-beam? How would it look if Adam was paged to a JLA meeting while he was stuck on Rann? Pretty embarrassing, eh? In fact, downright ridiculous!" What I had no way of knowing was that Schwartz had already commissioned a story teaming Strange with the JLA, the Alley Award winning "Planet That Came to a Standstill." (No one ever suggested an Adam Strange-Dr. Strange cross-company crossover.)

The League did have an honorary member beginning with the very first story, "Starro the Conqueror," which was inspired by a Ray Cummings science-fiction story Schwartz loved called "Tyranno the Conqueror." Snapper Carr had been working on the lawn like any conscientious suburban lad. Because he was coated in lime dust he was resistant to Starro's trance ray. (Please don't ask how. These books were science *fiction*, after all, and if you doubted Gardner Fox's premises you were never going to enjoy his conclusions.) For his help on the case, Snapper, so called because he snapped his fingers whenever he was happy, was made an honorary member. He *really* was made an honorary member to give young readers someone with whom to identify, but we didn't think of plot devices in crass terms like that. Snapper's dialogue is classic, anyway, both as period literature and unintentional comedy.

Speaking of adolescents, the Teen Titans were still twenty-six issues of BRAVE AND THE BOLD away, but their formation was first discussed in the *JLA Mail Room* in B&B #30. Reader Larry Maher suggested a "Junior Justice League of America," and Schwartz replied, "We hope to make an interesting announcement about this soon."

The 1962 Alley Awards, the second annual fan prizegiving, introduced the category of Best Editor. Jerry Bails's citation read, "The award couldn't go to a more deserving gentleman, one of fandom's favorites, Julius Schwartz, a DC editor since 1944, and the man most responsible for the strip development, story ideas, plotting, and final approval of scripts and art for the JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, FLASH, MYSTERY IN SPACE, GREEN LANTERN, THE ATOM and STRANGE ADVENTURES, as well as many issues of DC's two 'try-out' magazines, BRAVE AND BOLD and SHOWCASE. All eight of these titles were among the Top Ten Comics selected by fandom in the 1962 poll. This is an ac-

complishment deserving of fandom's highest award, The Golden Alley."

The love affair was complete. There have been successful comic book editors since and there will be more, but there can only ever be one winner of the first Best Editor award. Julius Schwartz was it, is it, and will always be it.

Sadly, I haven't been in touch with Jerry Bails for over a quarter of a century. I do have an inkling of what happened to Roy Thomas, and I suspect that some of his stories will wind up in Archive Editions sooner or later. Don and Maggie Thompson I read every week in the *Comics Buyer's Guide*. JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA I think about every week as we strive to keep some issues in stock in our London comic book store. Yes, my partner Jonathan Ross and I couldn't resist opening a shop devoted to the popular art form that has meant so much to us. Nothing gives me more pleasure than to see someone enjoying today a book that was precious to me as a boy. In that spirit I invite you now to discover, or to reread, these pioneer stories of the Silver Age.

With this overdue book the early JLA classics are available for all. Herein you can watch DC's best fight it out with Starro, Amazo, Despero, and even some villains whose names don't end in "o." You can read a story-telling structure unique to comics and form your own opinion of one of comicdom's most recognizable art styles. Like hundreds of thousands of isolated readers in 1959 through 1961, you can be "of," regardless of where you are "from," the Justice League of America.

I promise to stock this book in our store. And I promise to give a copy to Salman Rushdie.

—PAUL GAMBACCINI

(A native American who has spent the past two decades broadcasting for BBC radio and television, Paul Gambaccini has been a regular contributor to Rolling Stone *magazine and is the author of* The Guinness Book of British Hit Singles, Track Records, *and* Radio Boy. *A member of comics' first fandom, Paul co-owns a London comic book shop with British television personality Jonathan Ross.)*

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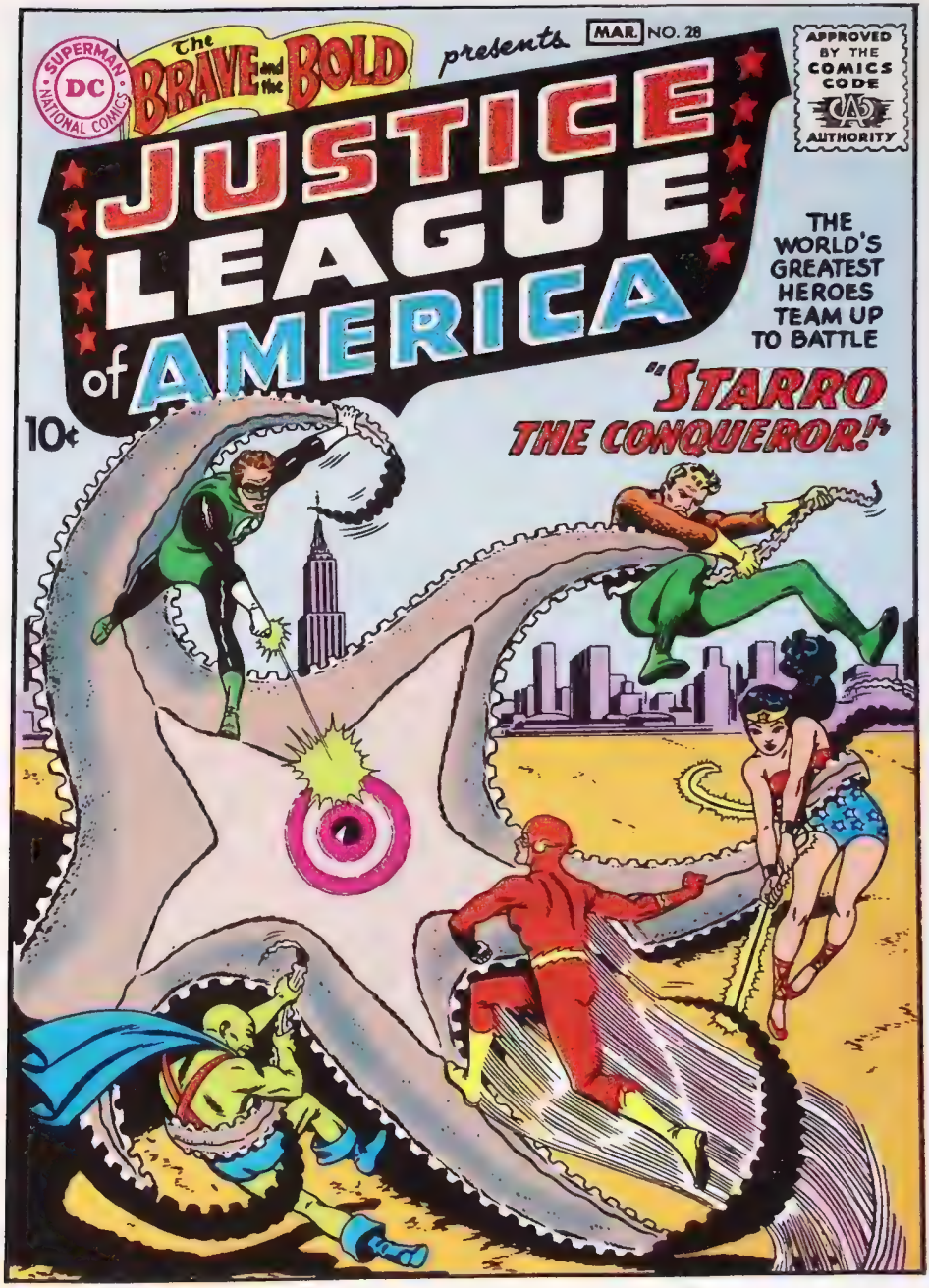
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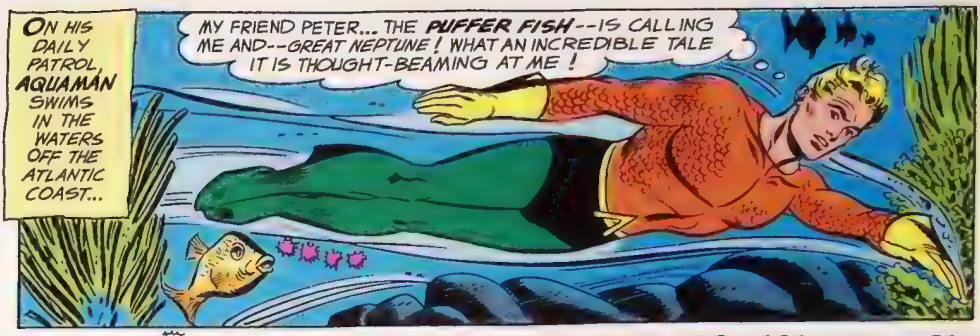
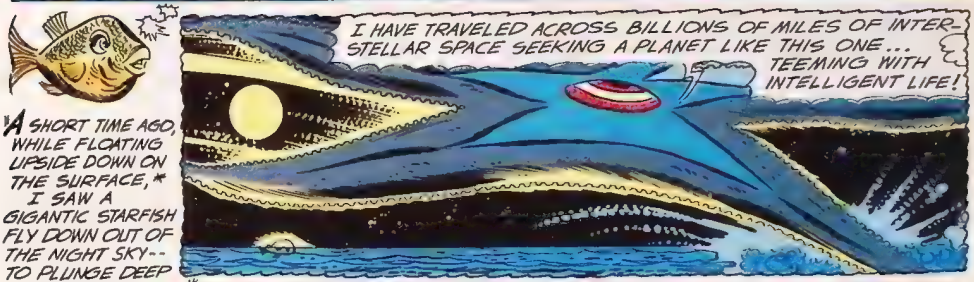
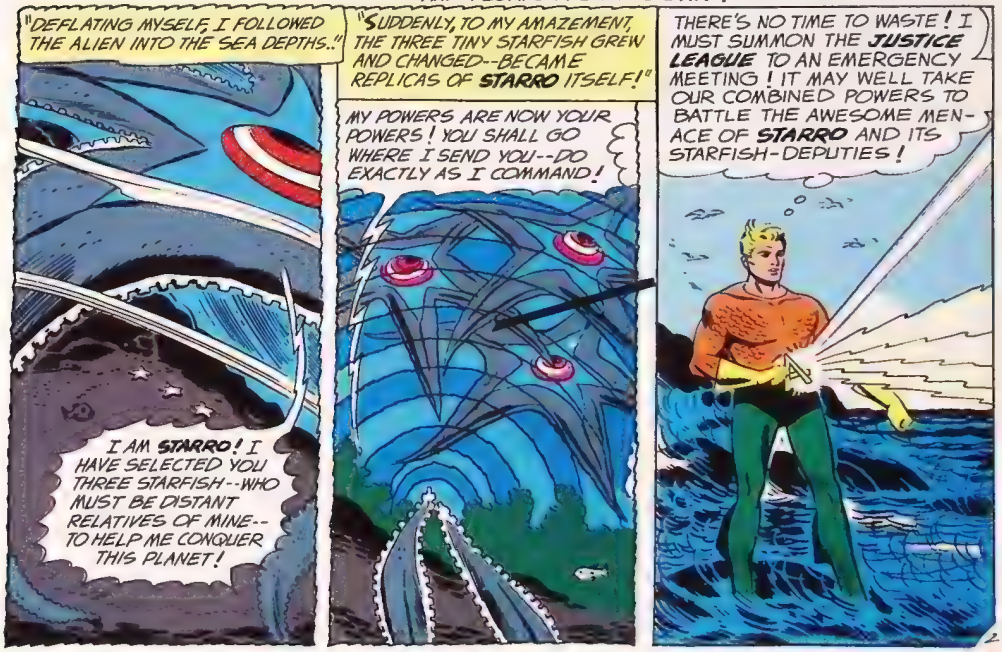
FOES OF EVIL! ENEMIES OF INJUSTICE! TO THE MIGHTY HEROES OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA ALL WRONG-DOING IS A MENACE TO BE STAMPED OUT--WHETHER IT COMES FROM OUTER SPACE--FROM THE WATERY DEPTHS OF THE SEVEN SEAS--OR SPRINGS FULL-BLOWN FROM THE MINDS OF MEN!
BANDED TOGETHER TO FIGHT ALL FOES OF HUMANITY, THE MIGHTIEST HEROES OF OUR TIME BATTLE THE MENACE OF...
STARRO the CONQUEROR!
The ROLL CALL! AQUAMAN--WONDER WOMAN--SUPERMAN--GREEN LANTERN--BATMAN--FLASH..JOHN JONES


ON HIS DAILY PATROL, AQUAMAN SWIMS IN THE WATERS OFF THE ATLANTIC COAST...
MY FRIEND PETER... THE PUFFER FISH--IS CALLING ME AND--GREAT NEPTUNE! WHAT AN INCREDIBLE TALE IT IS THOUGHT-BEAMING AT ME!


I HAVE TRAVELED ACROSS BILLIONS OF MILES OF INTER-STELLAR SPACE SEEKING A PLANET LIKE THIS ONE... TEEMING WITH INTELLIGENT LIFE!
"A SHORT TIME AGO, WHILE FLOATING UPSIDE DOWN ON THE SURFACE,* I SAW A GIGANTIC STARFISH FLY DOWN OUT OF THE NIGHT SKY--TO PLUNGE DEEP INTO THESE WATERS...!"

*BY SWALLOWING AIR INTO A SPECIAL SAC BENEATH ITS THROAT, THE PUFFER FISH BECOMES INFLATED LIKE A FOOTBALL--WHEREUPON IT RISES TO THE SURFACE AND FLOATS UPSIDE DOWN!


"DEFLATING MYSELF, I FOLLOWED THE ALIEN INTO THE SEA DEPTHS.."
I AM STARRO! I HAVE SELECTED YOU THREE STARFISH--WHO MUST BE DISTANT RELATIVES OF MINE--TO HELP ME CONQUER THIS PLANET!
"SUDDENLY, TO MY AMAZEMENT, THE THREE TINY STARFISH GREW AND CHANGED--BECAME REPLICAS OF STARRO ITSELF!"
MY POWERS ARE NOW YOUR POWERS! YOU SHALL GO WHERE I SEND YOU--DO EXACTLY AS I COMMAND!
THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE! I MUST SUMMON THE JUSTICE LEAGUE TO AN EMERGENCY MEETING! IT MAY WELL TAKE OUR COMBINED POWERS TO BATTLE THE AWESOME MENACE OF STARRO AND ITS STARFISH-DEPUTIES!

THE ULTRASONIC VIBRATIONS CAUSED BY SOLAR POWER ON AQUAMAN'S A-BELT FAN OUT ACROSS THE EARTH...TO WONDER WOMAN...
AS I TOLD YOU BEFORE, STEVE TREVOR, I CAN'T MARRY YOU UNTIL MY SERVICES ARE NO LONGER NEEDED TO BATTLE CRIME AND INJUSTICE...
GREAT HERA! A SECRET SIGNAL FROM THE JUSTICE LEAGUE...!
SUMMONING HER ROBOT PLANE, WHICH RESPONDS TO THE VIBRATIONS OF THE AMAZON'S VOICE...
'BYE, STEVE--I'VE AN IMPORTANT JOB TO ATTEND TO!
I UNDERSTAND, ANGEL! HURRY BACK!
DEEP INTO OUTER SPACE THE SIGNAL CARRIES--WHERE SUPERMAN STANDS BETWEEN A SWARM OF ENORMOUS METEORS AND A HELPLESS EARTH...!
IF ONLY ONE OF THESE GIANT METEORS HITS EARTH, IT WOULD CAUSE TREMENDOUS DAMAGE! WHAT A TIME TO RECEIVE A JUSTICE LEAGUE SUMMONS!
AS A STRAY METEOR FLASHES PAST HIM, THE MAN OF STEEL ROCKETS AFTER IT...
I DARE NOT LET A SINGLE METEOR THROUGH! I'LL SIGNAL BACK I'M TEMPORARILY DELAYED--ASK TO BE EXCUSED UNLESS MY PRESENCE IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE!
THROUGH EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE STREAKS AN EXPERIMENTAL ROCKET PLANE, PILOTED BY HAL (GREEN LANTERN) JORDAN...
AQUAMAN SIGNALING ME... VIA MY POWER-RING! IT'LL ONLY TAKE A MOMENT TO SWITCH FROM TEST PILOT UNIFORM TO GREEN LANTERN COSTUME!
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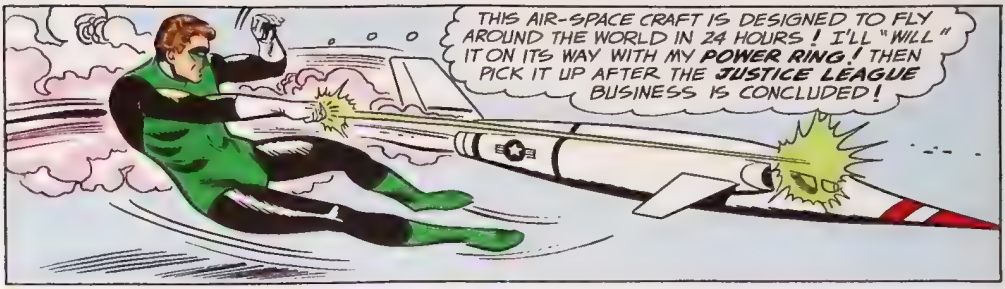
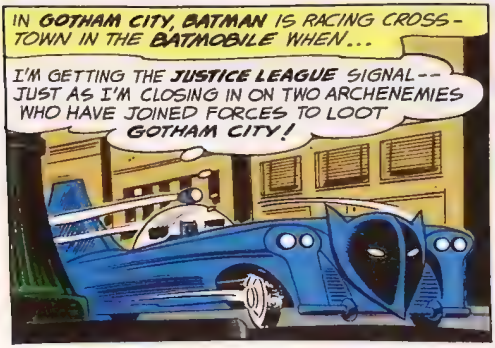
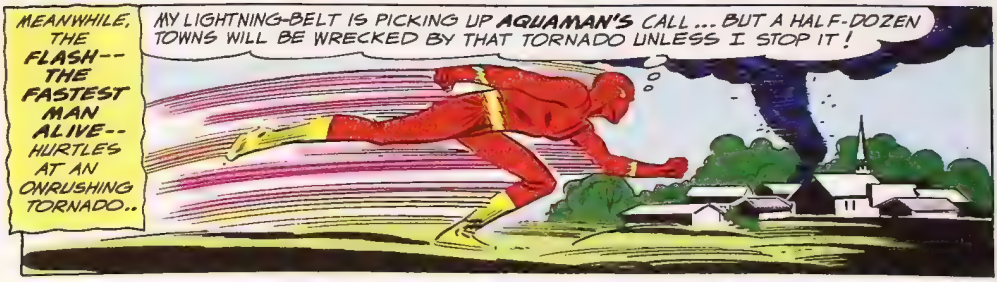
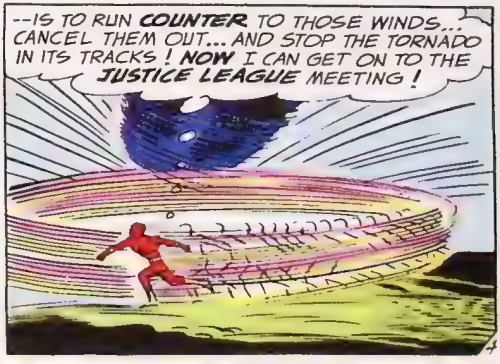

THIS AIR-SPACE CRAFT IS DESIGNED TO FLY AROUND THE WORLD IN 24 HOURS! I'LL "WILL" IT ON ITS WAY WITH MY POWER RING! THEN PICK IT UP AFTER THE JUSTICE LEAGUE BUSINESS IS CONCLUDED!


IN GOTHAM CITY, BATMAN IS RACING CROSS-TOWN IN THE BATMOBILE WHEN...
I'M GETTING THE JUSTICE LEAGUE SIGNAL--JUST AS I'M CLOSING IN ON TWO ARCHENEMIES WHO HAVE JOINED FORCES TO LOOT GOTHAM CITY!

I'LL KEEP IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS...AND TRUST I WON'T BE NEEDED TILL I FINISH THIS BUSINESS AT HAND!


MEANWHILE, THE FLASH--THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE--HURTLES AT AN ONRUSHING TORNADO..
MY LIGHTNING-BELT IS PICKING UP AQUAMAN'S CALL ... BUT A HALF-DOZEN TOWNS WILL BE WRECKED BY THAT TORNADO UNLESS I STOP IT!

A TORNADO IS A VIOLENT ROTARY STORM A FEW HUNDRED YARDS WIDE--WITH WINDS UP TO 500 MILES AN HOUR! THE WINDS REVOLVE SPIRALLY UPWARD IN A COUNTER-CLOCKWISE DIRECTION--SO ALL I HAVE TO DO--


--IS TO RUN COUNTER TO THOSE WINDS... CANCEL THEM OUT... AND STOP THE TORNADO IN ITS TRACKS! NOW I CAN GET ON TO THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEETING!

IN THE OFFICE OF A METROPOLITAN POLICE CHIEF..
YOU'VE MORE THAN EARNED YOUR VACATION, JOHN JONES! HAVE A GOOD TIME!
MY MARTIAN SUPER-HEARING IS PICKING UP A JUSTICE LEAGUE CALL!
MOMENTS LATER, WHEN DETECTIVE JOHN JONES IS ALONE, A STRANGE TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE..
I'LL SPEND MY "VACATION" NOT AS JOHN JONES, DETECTIVE--BUT AS J'ONN J'ONZZ, MAN-HUNTER FROM MARS!
AS FIVE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA GATHER IN THE MODERNISTICALLY OUTFITTED CAVERN WHICH IS THEIR SECRET HEADQUARTERS, AQUA-MAN ACQUAINTS THEM WITH THE STRANGE TALE OF STARRO...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT ITS POWERS ARE! BUT I DO KNOW THE THREE LOCALITIES WHERE ITS STARFISH WARRIORS ARE DUE TO APPEAR... AND START THE CONQUEST OF EARTH!
AS CHAIRMAN OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE, THE FLASH HANDS OUT THE ASSIGNMENTS...
GREEN LANTERN, COVER THE TERRITORY AROUND THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK... WONDER WOMAN AND J'ONN J'ONZZ, YOU'LL BOTH TACKLE THE AGENT WHO GOES TO SCIENCE CITY! I'LL HANDLE THE OTHER MISSION MYSELF!
AQUAMAN, YOU'LL PATROL THE SEA DEEPS--IN CASE STARRO MAKES ANY MORE GIANT STARFISH--AND ALERT US IF YOU LEARN ANYTHING!
I WILL...AND... GOOD LUCK, ALL!

STARRO VS. GREEN LANTERN
IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT! LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT BEWARE MY POWER -- GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!
AQUAMAN SAID STARRO'S DEPUTY WOULD STRIKE SOMEWHERE IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK AREA! THERE IT IS NOW!
WITH THESE WORDS, AND BY TOUCHING HIS POWER RING TO THE STRANGE BATTERY OF POWER WHICH CAME FROM INTERSTELLAR SPACE, GREEN LANTERN DERIVES HIS ABILITY TO COPE WITH EVIL IN ALL FORMS! NOW AS HE ROCKETS THROUGH THE ATMOSPHERE HE IS CONFRONTED BY THE EMBODIMENT OF EVIL... STARRO the CONQUEROR!

RIGID WITH SURPRISE, THE PILOT AND CO-PILOT OF A MIGHTY AIR FORCE JET-BOMBER CRY OUT AS...
WHAT'S THAT THING UP AHEAD? LOOKS LIKE A FLYING SAUCER FROM HERE!
NO--IT'S ALIVE! I THINK IT'S A HUGE BIRD OF SOME KIND!

HANDS FROZEN TO THE DUAL CONTROLS, MOUTHS OPEN, MUSCLES TENSED, THEY FIND THEMSELVES CONFRONTED BY...
A STARFISH... GIGANTIC... FLYING...
HOLD YOUR FIRE! MAYBE IT'LL JUST FLY PAST US! RADIO HEADQUARTERS AT ONCE!
U.S. AIR FORCE

SUDDENLY, THE FIVE-TENTACLED CREATURE WRAPS ITSELF AROUND THE SAC BOMBER...
U.S.
FORCE
IT'S DENTING THE FUSELAGE! OKAY, IF IT WANTS A FIGHT... WE'LL OBLIGE!
BRATAT!
POW!
POW
POW!
THROUGH THE ALUMINUM HULL--TEARING OUT WIRES AND POWER PANELS--COMES A MIGHTY TENTACLE...
WATCH OUT! HERE IT COMES!
CRAKH!
VERY GENTLY THE TIP OF THE MASSIVE FEELER WRAPS ITSELF AROUND THE HOUSING WHICH CONTAINS THE PLANE'S ATOM BOMB...
IT'S GRABBING THE ATOM BOMB!
BRATAT!

SECONDS LATER, STARRO'S DEPUTY MOVES AWAY FROM THE PLANE, FLYING SWIFTLY... WHILE BEHIND IT THE MASSIVE JET-BOMBER DIVES GROUNDWARD TOWARD CERTAIN DOOM...
AIR FORCE
THE STAR-CREATURE BANGED UP THE PLANE SO IT CAN'T FLY! I'VE GOT TO GO AFTER IT... BUT NOT BEFORE I HELP OUT THOSE AIR FORCE MEN!
THAT PLANE IS HEADING FOR A CRASH ON THAT MOUNTAIN PEAK!
ONLY WAY TO SAVE IT AND ITS CREW IS WITH THE POWER RING!
A GREEN BEAM LANCES FROM THE MIGHTY RING-- AND OBEYING THE EMERALD CRUSADER'S WILL, FORMS A RAMP ABOVE THE MOUNTAIN PEAK AND A LONG SLIDE BEYOND IT...
THE PLANE IS ON THE RAMP... WHERE IT WILL SAFELY SLIDE DOWN TO EARTH! NOW-- FOR THAT STARRY MENACE!
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ACROSS THE SKY FLEES THE STAR-CREATURE WITH GREEN LANTERN IN HOT PURSUIT...
PROBING THE MINDS OF THE AIR FORCE MEN WITH MY POWER RING REVEALED THAT STARRO'S DEPUTY STOLE THE ATOM BOMB THE PLANE CARRIED! WHAT'S THE MONSTER GOING TO DO WITH IT?
WITH A CRY OF DISMAY, THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBER THROWS UP AN ARM AS...
IT'S EXPLODED THE BOMB! I'LL BE CAUGHT IN ITS TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION ... UNLESS ...
THE POWER RING THROBS AND PULSES WITH A VERDANT GLOW AS IT RELEASES ITS ENERGY TO BUILD A PROTECTIVE FORCE-FIELD ABOUT GREEN LANTERN!...
THE SHOCK-WAVES CAN'T GET THROUGH TO ME!
TO HIS AMAZED EYES HE SEES STARRO'S WARRIOR WITHIN THE TITANIC EXPLOSION--GLOWING, BLAZING, FLARING!...
IT'S ABSORBING THE ENERGY RELEASED BY THE EXPLODING BOMB! BUT--WHY? WHAT DOES IT HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH? WHAT WILL ALL THAT ENERGY DO FOR IT?
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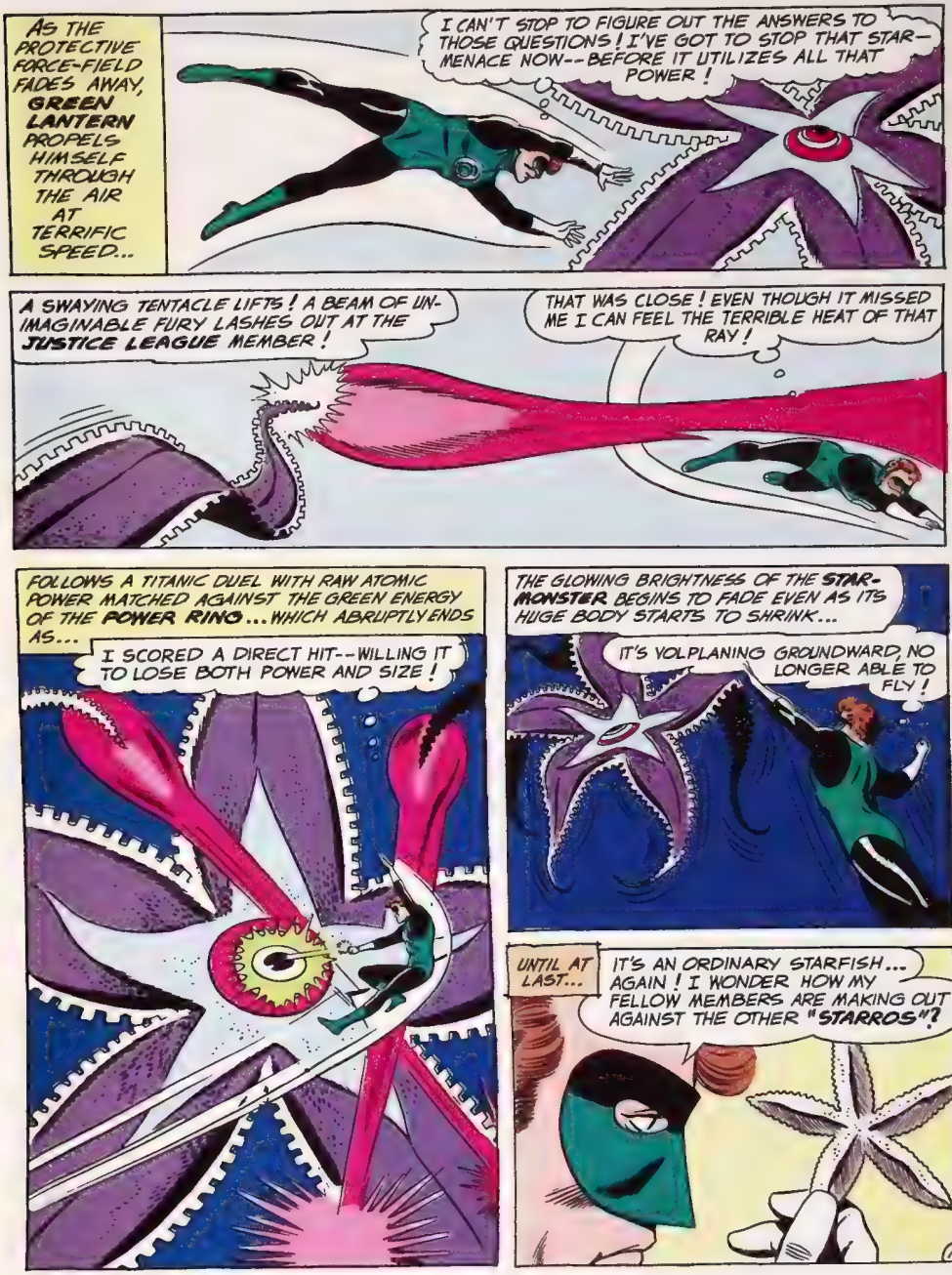
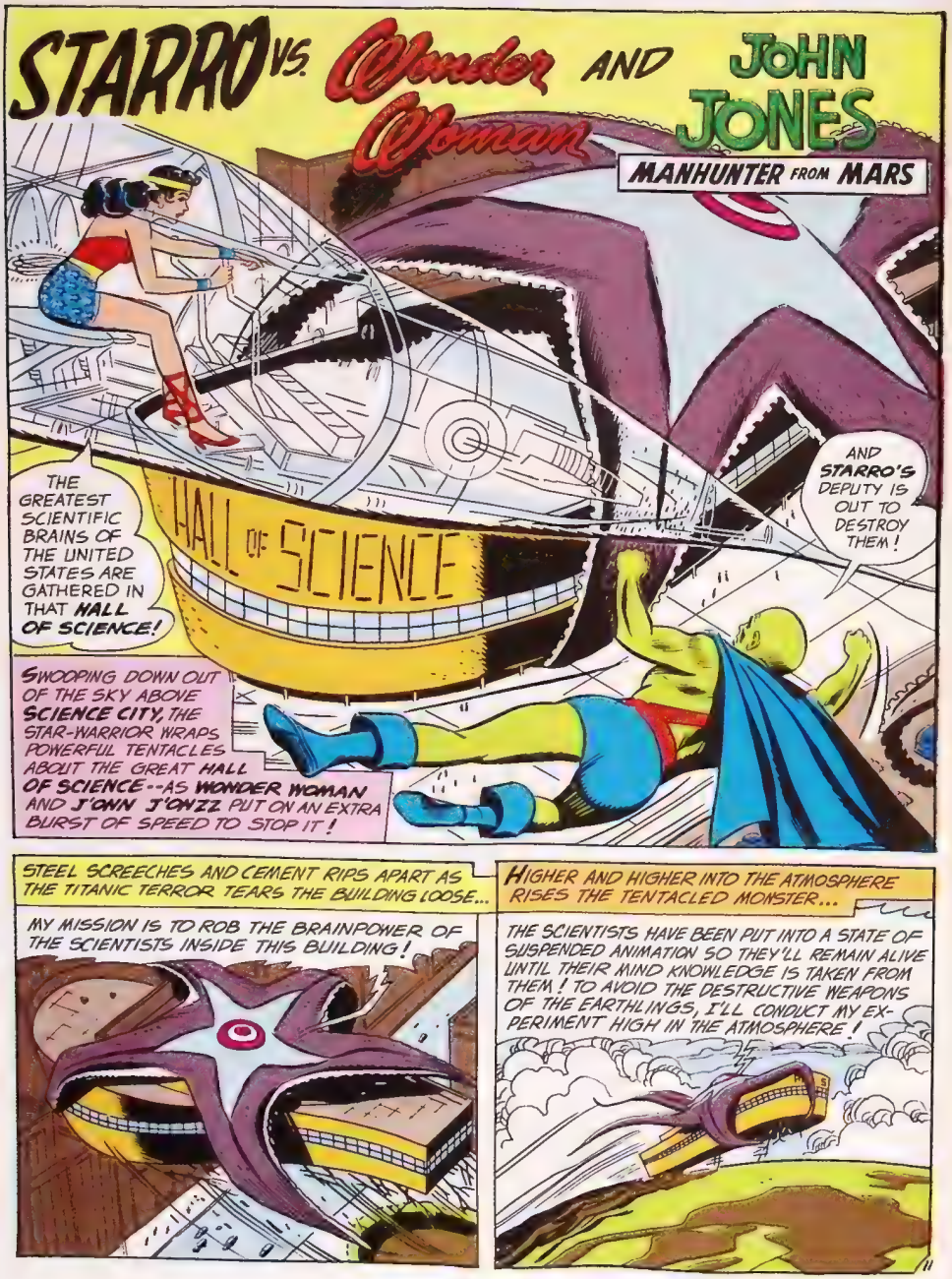
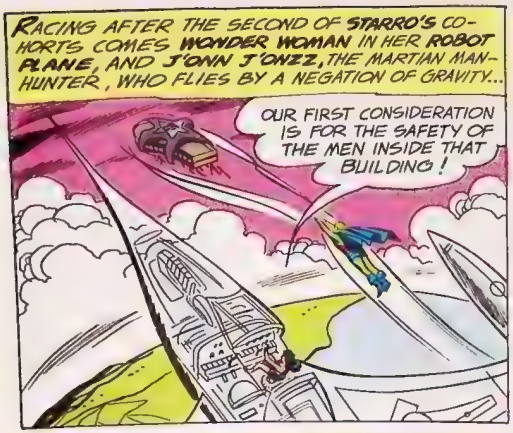
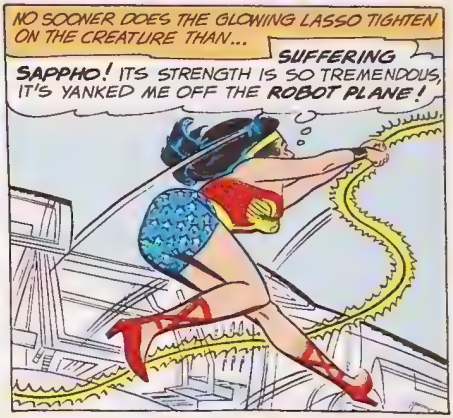

AS THE PROTECTIVE FORCE-FIELD FADES AWAY, GREEN LANTERN PROPELS HIMSELF THROUGH THE AIR AT TERRIFIC SPEED...
I CAN'T STOP TO FIGURE OUT THE ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS! I'VE GOT TO STOP THAT STAR-MENACE NOW--BEFORE IT UTILIZES ALL THAT POWER!
A SWAYING TENTACLE LIFTS! A BEAM OF UN-IMAGINABLE FURY LASHES OUT AT THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBER!
THAT WAS CLOSE! EVEN THOUGH IT MISSED ME I CAN FEEL THE TERRIBLE HEAT OF THAT RAY!
FOLLOWS A TITANIC DUEL WITH RAW ATOMIC POWER MATCHED AGAINST THE GREEN ENERGY OF THE POWER RING... WHICH ABRUPTLY ENDS AS...
I SCORED A DIRECT HIT--WILLING IT TO LOSE BOTH POWER AND SIZE!
THE GLOWING BRIGHTNESS OF THE STAR-MONSTER BEGINS TO FADE EVEN AS ITS HUGE BODY STARTS TO SHRINK...
IT'S VOLPLANING GROUNDWARD, NO LONGER ABLE TO FLY!
UNTIL AT LAST...
IT'S AN ORDINARY STARFISH... AGAIN! I WONDER HOW MY FELLOW MEMBERS ARE MAKING OUT AGAINST THE OTHER "STARROS"?


STARRO VS. Wonder Woman AND JOHN JONES
MANHUNTER FROM MARS
THE GREATEST SCIENTIFIC BRAINS OF THE UNITED STATES ARE GATHERED IN THAT HALL OF SCIENCE!
HALL OF SCIENCE
AND STARRO'S DEPUTY IS OUT TO DESTROY THEM!
SWOOPING DOWN OUT OF THE SKY ABOVE SCIENCE CITY, THE STAR-WARRIOR WRAPS POWERFUL TENTACLES ABOUT THE GREAT HALL OF SCIENCE--AS WONDER WOMAN AND J'ONN J'ONZZ PUT ON AN EXTRA BURST OF SPEED TO STOP IT!
STEEL SCREECHES AND CEMENT RIPS APART AS THE TITANIC TERROR TEARS THE BUILDING LOOSE...
MY MISSION IS TO ROB THE BRAINPOWER OF THE SCIENTISTS INSIDE THIS BUILDING!
HIGHER AND HIGHER INTO THE ATMOSPHERE RISES THE TENTACLED MONSTER...
THE SCIENTISTS HAVE BEEN PUT INTO A STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION SO THEY'LL REMAIN ALIVE UNTIL THEIR MIND KNOWLEDGE IS TAKEN FROM THEM! TO AVOID THE DESTRUCTIVE WEAPONS OF THE EARTHLINGS, I'LL CONDUCT MY EXPERIMENT HIGH IN THE ATMOSPHERE!


RACING AFTER THE SECOND OF STARRO'S COHORTS COMES WONDER WOMAN IN HER ROBOT PLANE, AND J'ONN J'ONZZ, THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER, WHO FLIES BY A NEGATION OF GRAVITY...
OUR FIRST CONSIDERATION IS FOR THE SAFETY OF THE MEN INSIDE THAT BUILDING!

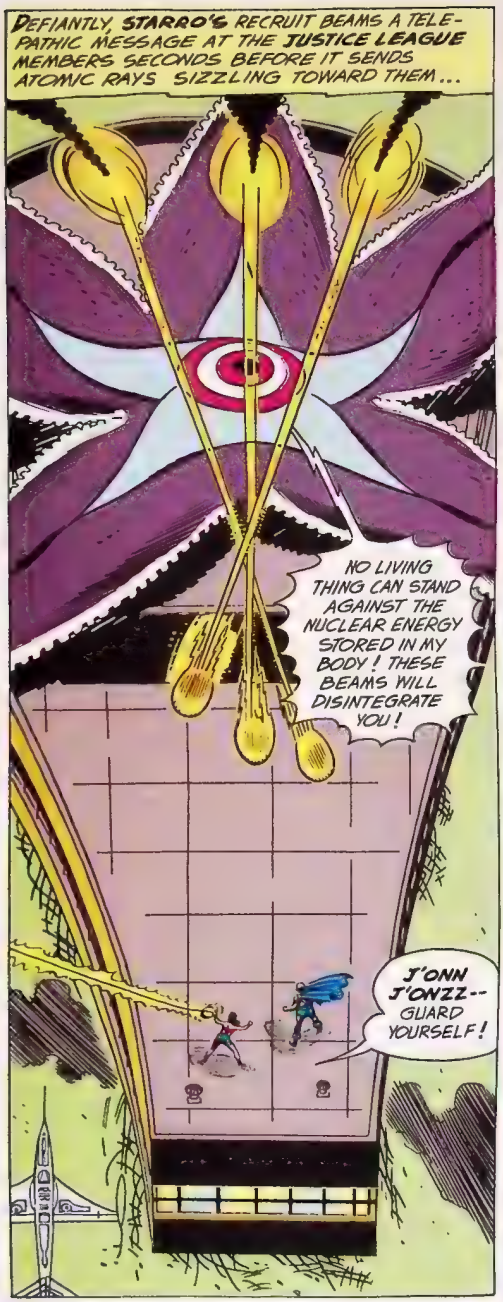
SIDE BY SIDE, THE JUSTICE LEAGUE DUO CATAPULTS INTO ACTION...
WE'VE GOT TO FORCE THE STAR-CREATURE TO LOOSEN ITS GRIP ON THE HALL OF SCIENCE! I'LL USE MY GOLDEN LASSO TO SNARE IT!
WHILE I FIND A WEAPON TO USE AGAINST THE MONSTER!

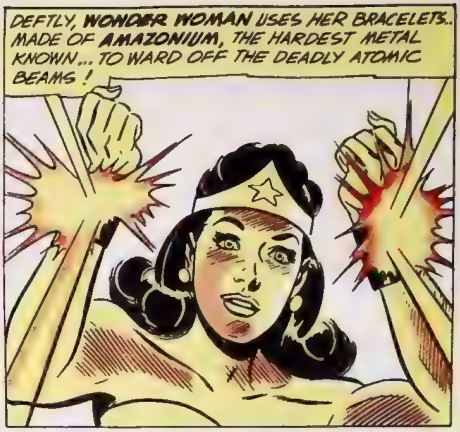
THE AMAZON'S LASSO FLIES THROUGH THE AIR TO LOOP ABOUT A FLAILING TENTACLE...
WHAT SORT OF WEAPON DOES J'ONN J'ONZZ EXPECT TO FIND IN THE UPPER ATMOSPHERE?

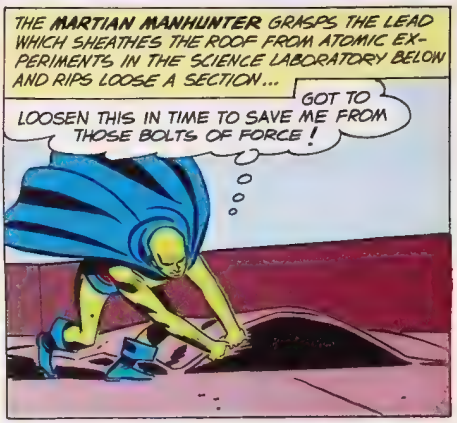

NO SOONER DOES THE GLOWING LASSO TIGHTEN ON THE CREATURE THAN...
SUFFERING SAPPHO! ITS STRENGTH IS SO TREMENDOUS, IT'S YANKED ME OFF THE ROBOT PLANE!

SOMERSAULTING IN MID-AIR, THE AMAZON PRINCESS DROPS ONTO THE ROOF OF THE HALL OF SCIENCE BUILDING...
IT CAUGHT ME BY SURPRISE JUST THEN--BUT I'LL BE PREPARED FOR ITS TITANIC STRENGTH NEXT TIME!

MEANWHILE, THE MARTIAN'S DISTANCE VISION HAS SPOTTED A SWARM OF METEORS HURTLING INTO THE ATMOSPHERE, AND WITH HIS MARTIAN SUPER-BREATH HERDS THEM BEFORE HIM...
SUPERMAN IS DESTROYING SOME LARGE METEORS--BUT THESE ARE JUST THE RIGHT SIZE FOR WHAT I HAVE IN MIND!
WITH TERRIFIC FORCE HE BLOWS THEM AT THE STAR-COLOSSUS!
IF THE METEORS HAD FALLEN JUST A LITTLE FURTHER INTO THE ATMOSPHERE, THE FRICTION WOULD HAVE CAUSED THEM TO FLARE UP--AND I'D HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO HANDLE THEM!
BOMBARDED BY THE METEORS, THE GIGANTIC STARFISH FLEES, DRAGGING THE HALL OF SCIENCE WITH IT SO SWIFTLY THAT THE SPEED OF ITS PASSAGE SETS A WOODEN WINDOW FRAME ON FIRE!
FIRE! I GROW WEAK AROUND FLAMES OF ANY KIND! I'VE GOT TO PUT THEM OUT--OR BE OVERCOME!
WITH HIS MARTIAN SUPER-VISION HE SIGHTS DISTANT STORM-CLOUDS--AND INHALES THEM TOWARD HIM!
BY BREATHING IN I CREATE A HUGE SUCTION WHICH DRAWS THE CLOUDS IN THIS DIRECTION!
MOMENTS LATER, THERE IS A DRENCHING RAINFALL!
THE FIRE'S OUT! MY MARTIAN MUSCLES HAVE RECOVERED THEIR STRENGTH!
GOOD! THEN LET'S STORM INTO THIS MENACE!


DEFIANTLY, STARRO'S RECRUIT BEAMS A TELEPATHIC MESSAGE AT THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS SECONDS BEFORE IT SENDS ATOMIC RAYS SIZZLING TOWARD THEM...
NO LIVING THING CAN STAND AGAINST THE NUCLEAR ENERGY STORED IN MY BODY! THESE BEAMS WILL DISINTEGRATE YOU!
J'ONN J'ONZZ-- GUARD YOURSELF!


DEFTLY, WONDER WOMAN USES HER BRACELETS.. MADE OF AMAZONIUM, THE HARDEST METAL KNOWN... TO WARD OFF THE DEADLY ATOMIC BEAMS!


THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER GRASPS THE LEAD WHICH SHEATHES THE ROOF FROM ATOMIC EXPERIMENTS IN THE SCIENCE LABORATORY BELOW AND RIPS LOOSE A SECTION...
GOT TO LOOSEN THIS IN TIME TO SAVE ME FROM THOSE BOLTS OF FORCE!

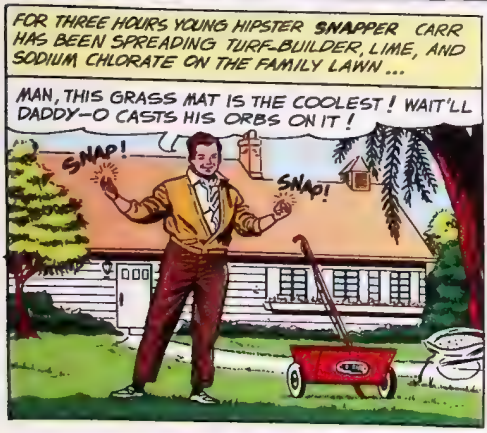
THE LEAD SHIELDS ME FROM THE HARMFUL RADIATION OF THOSE NUCLEAR BEAMS!

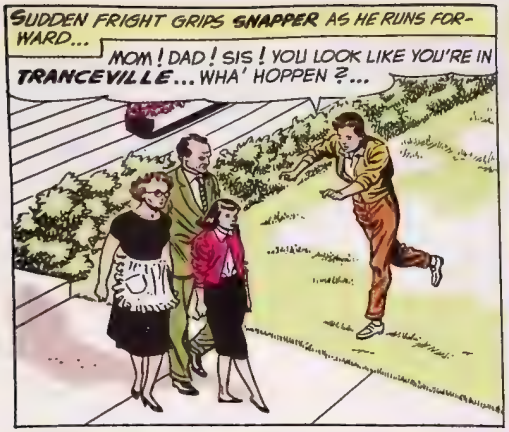
WONDER WOMAN USES HER GOLDEN LASSO AGAIN...
I FAILED TO FREE THE BUILDING BY LASSOING THE STARFISH --THIS TIME I'LL LASSO MY ROBOT PLANE TO HELP ME OUT!
ROBOT PLANE FLY FAST! DIVE FOR THE GROUND AT FULL SPEED!
AT ULTRA-SONIC SWIFTNESS, THE ROBOT PLANE ROCKETS EARTHWARD.. WITH THE DARING AMAZON GRIPPING THE TAUT LARIAT...
THE SUDDEN SNAP OF THE LARIAT AS IT GREW TIGHT JERKED THE BUILDING LOOSE FROM THE STARFISH'S TENTACLES!
AT THE SAME INSTANT THE MARTIAN HURTLES FORWARD TO DISTRACT THE MIGHTY MONSTER...
I'VE GOT TO HOLD IT OFF UNTIL WONDER WOMAN CAN LAND THAT BUILDING WITH THE MEN INSIDE IT--SAFELY!
I HOPE--THE AMAZING AMAZON--HAS REACHED THE GROUND--BY THIS TIME!

GRIPPING THE GOLDEN LASSO FIRMLY... HER LEGS GUIDING THE BUILDING LIKE A GIANT SKI... THE DAUGHTER OF QUEEN HIPPOLYTE RIDES THE HALL OF SCIENCE ACROSS A GRASSY MEADOW...
WE MADE IT! THE MEN INSIDE ARE IN A STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION BUT THEY'LL COME OUT OF THAT SHORTLY--NONE THE WORSE FOR THEIR INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE...!
ROBOT PLANE CARRY ME SKYWARD-- TOWARD J'ONN J'ONZZ AND THE STARFISH!
HANG ON, J'ONN J'ONZZ!
I--I THINK IT'S GROWING WEAKER, WONDER WOMAN! BETWEEN THE TWO OF US, WE CAN OVERCOME IT!
YOU'RE RIGHT! IT IS GROWING WEAKER...
IT'S STARTING TO FALL!
SOON THE AMAZON PRINCESS AND THE MANHUNTER FROM MARS LAND ON TERRA FIRMA...
LISTEN! GREEN LANTERN IS REPORTING THAT HE DEFEATED STARRO'S WARRIOR--REDUCING IT TO THE SIZE OF AN ORDINARY STARFISH!
AND WE'VE OVERCOME THE SECOND OF THE EARTH-- STARFISH TO WHOM STARRO GAVE ITS POWERS! NOW IF ONLY FLASH HAS SUCCEEDED IN HIS ASSIGNMENT!

STARRO VS. THE FLASH!

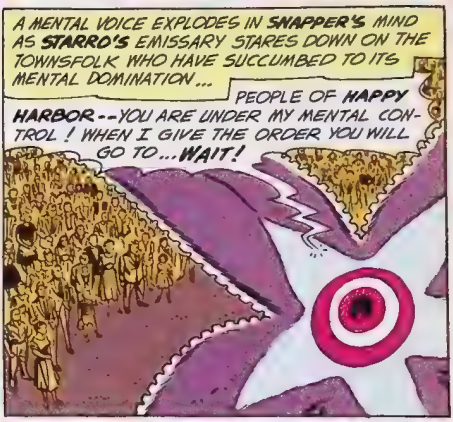
THERE'S STARRO'S DEPUTY NOW--BUT WHAT WILD PLAN DOES IT HAVE IN MIND ?
AS THE GRIM SHADOW OF A GIGANTIC STARFISH FALLS ACROSS THE COASTAL TOWN OF HAPPY HARBOR--THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER IS HURTLING TOWARD ONE OF THE MOST FANTASTIC ADVENTURES OF HIS CAREER! NOT ONLY MUST HE FIND A WAY TO DEFEAT THE MONSTER--HE MUST ALSO LEARN THE SECRET BEHIND THE STRANGE IMMUNITY OF HIS TEENAGE PAL--SNAPPER CARR!

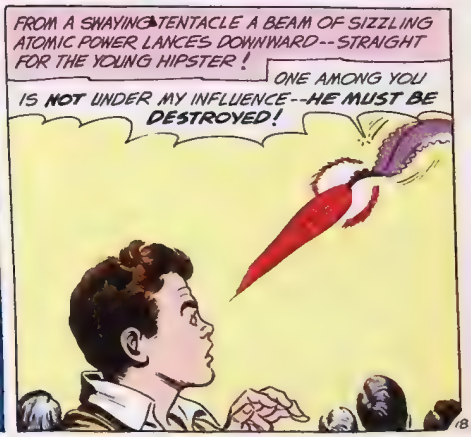

FOR THREE HOURS YOUNG HIPSTER SNAPPER CARR HAS BEEN SPREADING TURF-BUILDER, LIME, AND SODIUM CHLORATE ON THE FAMILY LAWN...
MAN, THIS GRASS MAT IS THE COOLEST! WAIT'LL DADDY-O CASTS HIS ORBS ON IT!
SNAP!
SNAP!


SUDDEN FRIGHT GRIPS SNAPPER AS HE RUNS FORWARD...
MOM! DAD! SIS! YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE IN TRANCEVILLE... WHA' HOPPEN?...

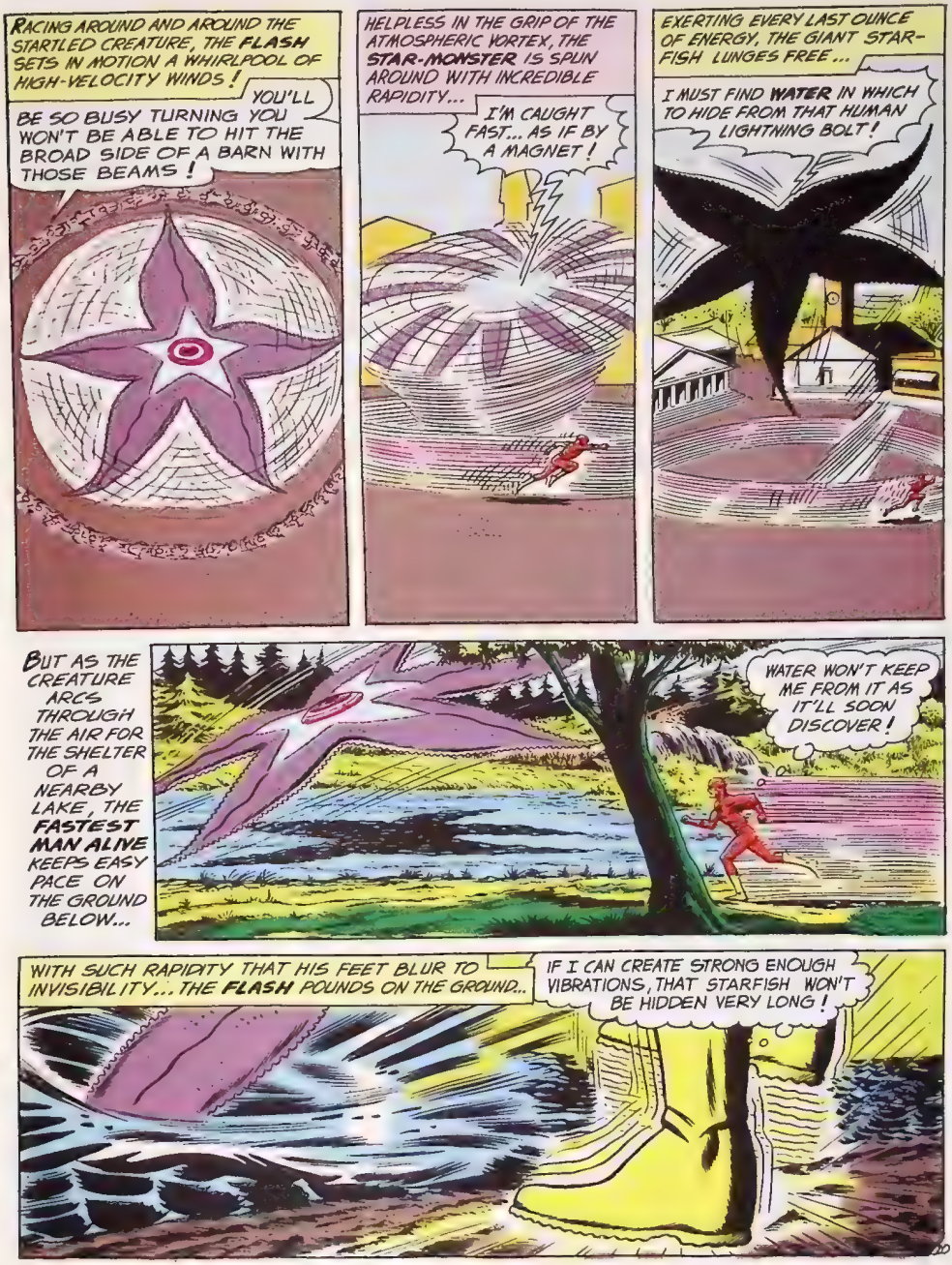
GLANCING NEITHER TO LEFT NOR RIGHT, JOHN CARR, HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER WALK BLINDLY ALONG THE STREET WHERE THEY ARE SOON JOINED BY THEIR NEIGHBORS...
IT'S SO CROWDED... IT'S ANTSVILLE! LIKE EVERYBODY IS OUT PUTTING SOLES IN THEIR SANDALS! BUT--WHY?

STAYING CLOSE BESIDE HIS FAMILY, SNAPPER ARRIVES WITH THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF HAPPY HARBOR IN THE TOWN SQUARE WHERE...
DIG THAT CRAZY PINWHEEL! WHAT BIT IS IT PLAYING IN THIS SPECTACULAR?

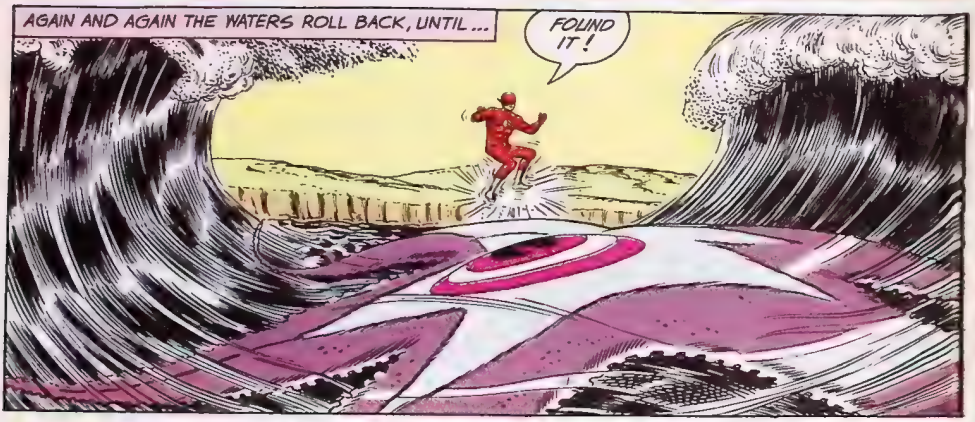

A MENTAL VOICE EXPLODES IN SNAPPER'S MIND AS STARRO'S EMISSARY STARES DOWN ON THE TOWNSFOLK WHO HAVE SUCCUMBED TO ITS MENTAL DOMINATION...
PEOPLE OF HAPPY HARBOR--YOU ARE UNDER MY MENTAL CONTROL! WHEN I GIVE THE ORDER YOU WILL GO TO...WAIT!

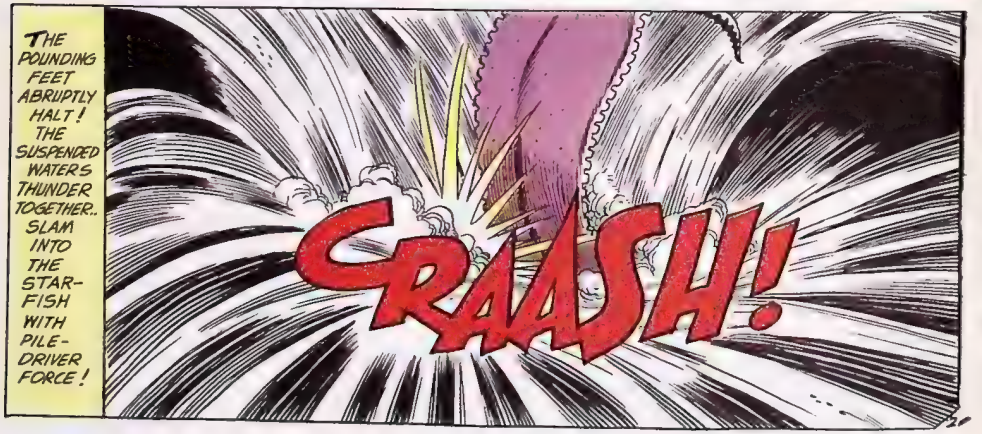

FROM A SWAYING TENTACLE A BEAM OF SIZZLING ATOMIC POWER LANCES DOWNWARD--STRAIGHT FOR THE YOUNG HIPSTER!
ONE AMONG YOU IS NOT UNDER MY INFLUENCE--HE MUST BE DESTROYED!

ONLY A SCARLET STREAK SHOWS WHERE THE FLASH IS RACING AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT!
THAT STAR-CREATURE IS FIRING AN ATOMIC BLAST AT THAT YOUNGSTER!
AS THE DESTRUCTIVE BEAM NEARS THE HELPLESS YOUTH, THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER HOOKS AN ARM ABOUT HIM AND...
BEAT THAT BEAM--BY INCHES!
A SPLIT-SECOND LATER--SEVERAL MILES AWAY...
EVERYONE IN HAPPY HARBOR IS IN A TRANCE--EXCEPT YOU! WHY WEREN'T YOU AFFECTED LIKE THE OTHERS?
I DON'T KNOW, FLASH! MAN, I'M BUGGED!
I'M REALLY SWINGING, CASTING ORBS ON YOU LIKE THIS, FLASH! LIKE I'M HAVING A HAPPY-MARE, YOU DIG...?
I CAN'T STAY HERE TO TALK TO YOU, YOUNG FELLOW... BESIDES, I'M NOT SURE I DO "DIG" YOU! I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO THAT STARFISH MENACE!
WITHIN THE BLINK OF AN EYE, THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE IS ROCKETING TOWNWARD, WHILE BEHIND HIM...
HE'S NOT SPLITTING UP WITH ME IF I CAN HELP IT! I'VE GOT MY HOT ROD READY TO BLOW UP A STORM!
AS THE FLASH HURTLES TOWARD THE TOWN SQUARE, THE STARFISH SENDS STREAKS OF DEADLY POWER LANCING THROUGH THE AIR...
NO MAN CAN OUTRUN MY ATOMIC LANCES ... NOT EVEN YOU, FLASH!


RACING AROUND AND AROUND THE STARTLED CREATURE, THE FLASH SETS IN MOTION A WHIRLPOOL OF HIGH-VELOCITY WINDS!
YOU'LL BE SO BUSY TURNING YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO HIT THE BROAD SIDE OF A BARN WITH THOSE BEAMS!
HELPLESS IN THE GRIP OF THE ATMOSPHERIC VORTEX, THE STAR-MONSTER IS SPUN AROUND WITH INCREDIBLE RAPIDITY...
I'M CAUGHT FAST... AS IF BY A MAGNET!
EXERTING EVERY LAST OUNCE OF ENERGY, THE GIANT STAR-FISH LUNGES FREE...
I MUST FIND WATER IN WHICH TO HIDE FROM THAT HUMAN LIGHTNING BOLT!
BUT AS THE CREATURE ARCS THROUGH THE AIR FOR THE SHELTER OF A NEARBY LAKE, THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE KEEPS EASY PACE ON THE GROUND BELOW...
WATER WON'T KEEP ME FROM IT AS IT'LL SOON DISCOVER!
WITH SUCH RAPIDITY THAT HIS FEET BLUR TO INVISIBILITY... THE FLASH POUNDS ON THE GROUND..
IF I CAN CREATE STRONG ENOUGH VIBRATIONS, THAT STARFISH WON'T BE HIDDEN VERY LONG!

DIRECTING THE VIBRATIONS CAUSED BY HIS DRUMMING FEET TO FLOW OUT ACROSS THE LAKE, THE FLASH CAUSES THE WATERS TO PILE UP AND FORM TWO WATERY WALLS!
NO SIGN OF IT! I'LL HAVE TO TRY ANOTHER SPOT!


AGAIN AND AGAIN THE WATERS ROLL BACK, UNTIL...
FOUND IT!


THE POUNDING FEET ABRUPTLY HALT! THE SUSPENDED WATERS THUNDER TOGETHER.. SLAM INTO THE STAR-FISH WITH PILE-DRIVER FORCE!
CRAASH!

AS THE WATERS SUBSIDE AND WASH THE LIFELESS STARFISH IN AGAINST THE SHORE...
MAN! I NEVER SAW ANYTHING LIKE THAT BEFORE! IT WAS FAR OUT!
SNAP!
SNAP!
THAT FINISHED OFF STARRO'S THIRD AGENT! NOW TO SEE ABOUT THE PEOPLE STARRO HAD UNDER ITS MENTAL DOMINATION! COME ON, SNAPPER-- INTO YOUR HOT ROD--WE'RE MOVING!
MOMENTS LATER THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE IS RACING ALONG THE STRAIGHTAWAY...
CAN'T GO TOO FAST... OR I MIGHT BURN UP SNAPPER'S TIRES!
LIKE SPEEDSVILLE! WOW!
NEAR THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN...
HEY, FLASH--DIG MOM, POP AND SIS! THEY'VE CUT OUT OF THEIR TRANCE!
THEY MUST HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM THE STARFISH'S SPELL WHEN IT WAS KNOCKED OUT!
AFTER SNAPPER GREETS HIS FAMILY...
JUST BEFORE I SNATCHED SNAPPER FROM THAT ATOMIC BEAM, STARRO'S DEPUTY WAS GIVING YOU AN ORDER TO GO SOMEWHERE! CAN YOU REMEMBER WHERE THAT WAS?
WHY--YES--TO TURKEY HOLLOW, FIVE MILES EAST OF HERE!
I'LL SIGNAL THE REST OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE TO MEET ME THERE! SNAPPER-- YOU'RE COMING WITH ME... YOU MAY BE THE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS OR FAILURE!
YOU HEAR THESE FINGERS SNAPPING, FLASH? THAT'S MY WAY OF SHOWING I LIKE SOMETHING! THAT'S WHY THE CATS AROUND HERE CALL ME SNAPPER!
SNAP!
SNAP!

STARRO VS. JUSTICE LEAGUE of AMERICA
FAR AHEAD OF THE HURTLING SPEEDSTER AND SNAPPER, THE REAL STARRO WAITS THE COMING OF THE PEOPLE OF HAPPY HARBOR...
MY STARFISH DEPUTIES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED... BUT NOT BEFORE THEY COMPLETED THEIR MISSIONS! THE ATOMIC ENERGY OF THE FIRST DEPUTY WAS RELAYED TO THE SECOND ONE! THE SECOND TRANSFERRED THE SCIENTISTS' KNOWLEDGE TO THE THIRD! AND FROM THE THIRD I LEARNED I CAN CONTROL HUMAN MINDS AS IT CONTROLLED THEM! THE EARTH IS MINE!
EARTH-BEINGS WILL OBEY ME WHEN I ORDER THEM TO EXPLODE ALL THEIR ATOM BOMBS SO I CAN BATHE IN THEM AND ABSORB THEIR ENERGY! WITH ENOUGH NUCLEAR POWER IN ME I CAN TRAVEL ON TO OTHER WORLDS...
THIS IS MY FIRST ATTEMPT TO CONQUER A WORLD! I HAD TO TEST THE POWERS OF THESE HUMANS BY USING THREE AGENTS! NOW THAT I HAVE SUCCEEDED--I CAN CONQUER THE UNIVERSE!
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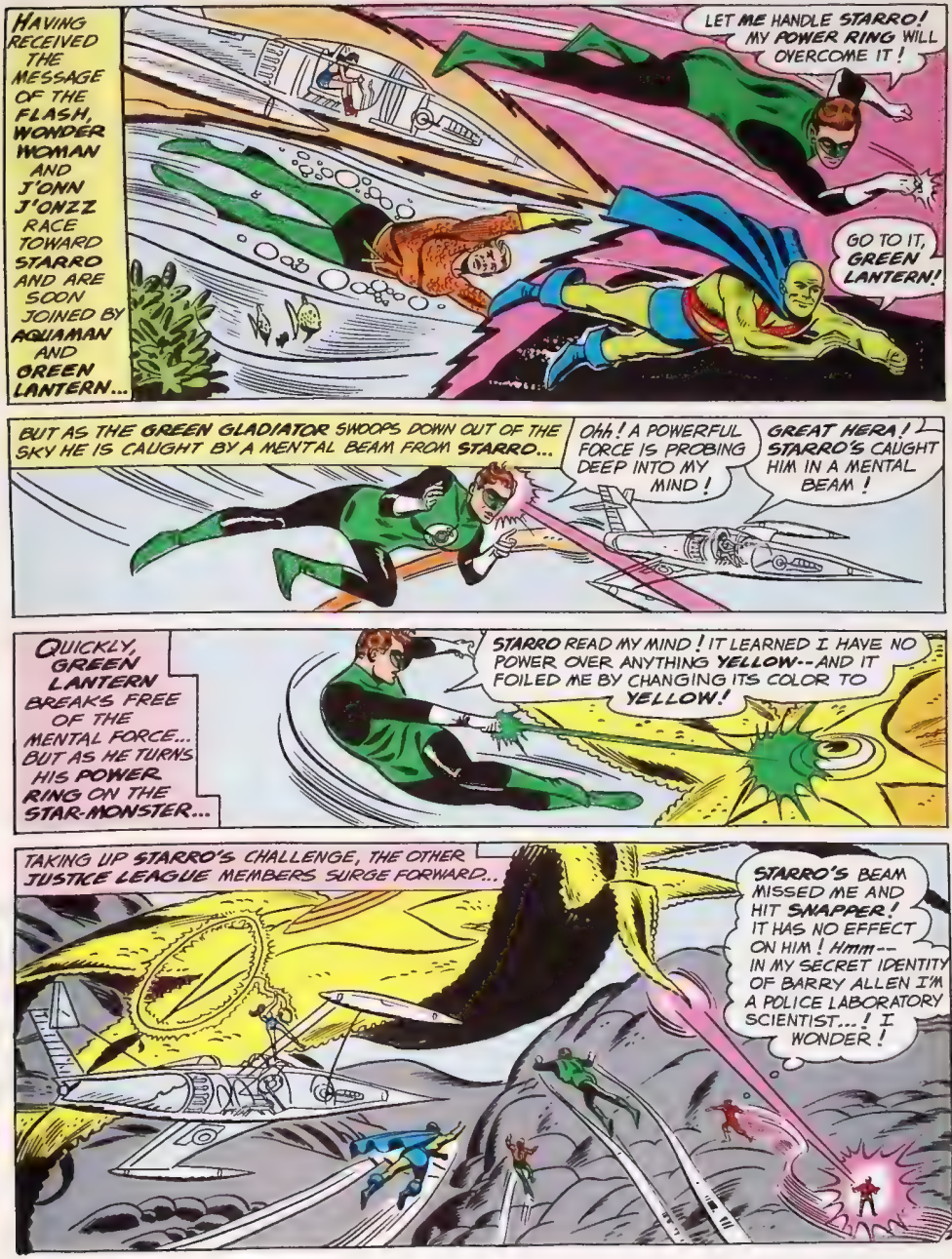
HAVING RECEIVED THE MESSAGE OF THE FLASH, WONDER WOMAN AND J'ONN J'ONZZ RACE TOWARD STARRO AND ARE SOON JOINED BY AQUAMAN AND GREEN LANTERN...
LET ME HANDLE STARRO! MY POWER RING WILL OVERCOME IT!
GO TO IT, GREEN LANTERN!
BUT AS THE GREEN GLADIATOR SWOOPS DOWN OUT OF THE SKY HE IS CAUGHT BY A MENTAL BEAM FROM STARRO...
Ohh! A POWERFUL FORCE IS PROBING DEEP INTO MY MIND!
GREAT HERA! STARRO'S CAUGHT HIM IN A MENTAL BEAM!
QUICKLY, GREEN LANTERN BREAKS FREE OF THE MENTAL FORCE... BUT AS HE TURNS HIS POWER RING ON THE STAR-MONSTER...
STARRO READ MY MIND! IT LEARNED I HAVE NO POWER OVER ANYTHING YELLOW--AND IT FOILED ME BY CHANGING ITS COLOR TO YELLOW!
TAKING UP STARRO'S CHALLENGE, THE OTHER JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS SURGE FORWARD...
STARRO'S BEAM MISSED ME AND HIT SNAPPER! IT HAS NO EFFECT ON HIM! Hmm-- IN MY SECRET IDENTITY OF BARRY ALLEN I'M A POLICE LABORATORY SCIENTIST...! I WONDER!

QUICK, GREEN LANTERN--USE YOUR POWER RING TO ACT AS A SPECTROSCOPE ON SNAPPER! WONDER WOMAN AND J'ONN J'ONZZ--KEEP STARRO BUSY!
AS WONDER WOMAN AND JONN J'ONZZ HURL THEMSELVES AT THE HUGE STARFISH...
FLASH KNOWS SNAPPER IS IMMUNE TO STARRO'S RAY!
NOW HE'S GOING TO TRY TO FIND OUT WHY!
...FLASH AND THE GREEN LANTERN GATHER WITH AQUAMAN ABOUT SNAPPER...
HIS SPECTRUM SHOWS NOTHING UNUSUAL EXCEPT THE SPECTROSCOPIC LINES FOR CALCIUM! IT SHOWS HE'S COVERED WITH CALCIUM OXIDE--LIME!
THAT FIGURES... I WAS USING LIME ON THE LAWN TODAY...
OYSTER MEN USE QUICKLIME TO FIGHT STARFISH WHO PREY ON OYSTERS IN THE SEA!
THAT'S THE ANSWER! THE LIME PROTECTS SNAPPER FROM STARRO! AND LIME WILL HELP US DEFEAT STARRO!
FROM A NEARBY FARM, GREEN LANTERN'S POWER RING LIFTS SEVERAL BARRELS OF LIME...
WE'LL PAY THE FARMERS FOR THEIR LIME LATER!
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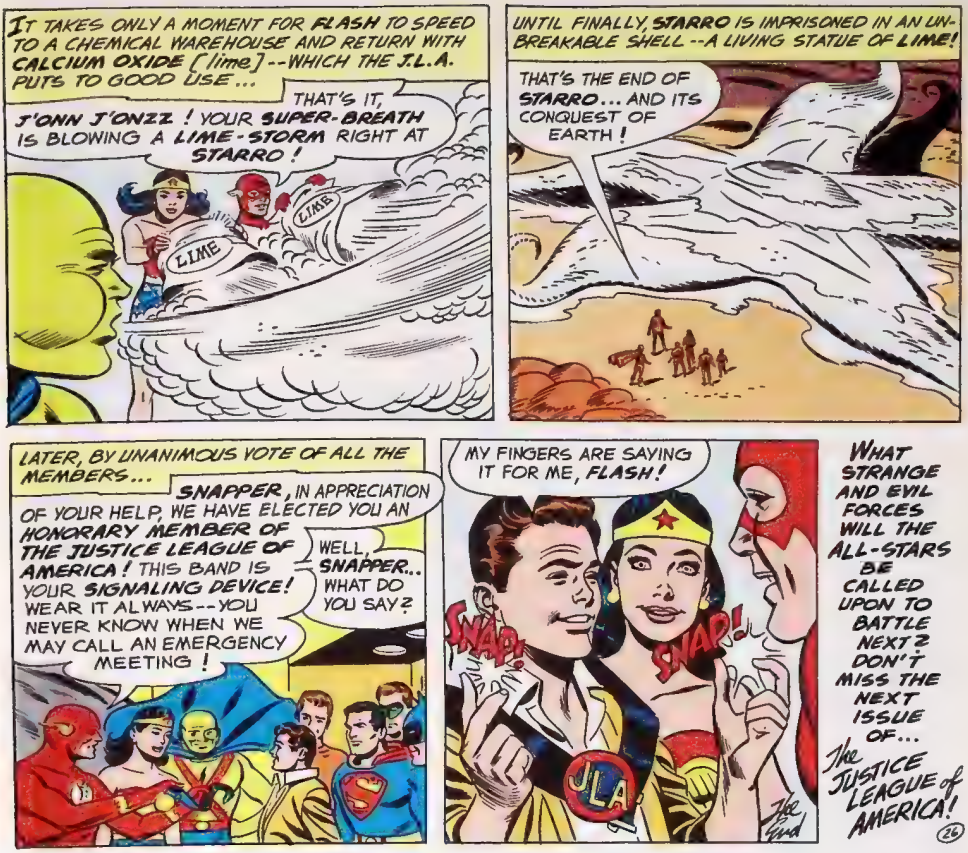
IT TAKES ONLY A MOMENT FOR FLASH TO SPEED TO A CHEMICAL WAREHOUSE AND RETURN WITH CALCIUM OXIDE [lime] --WHICH THE J.L.A. PUTS TO GOOD USE...
THAT'S IT, J'ONN J'ONZZ ! YOUR SUPER-BREATH IS BLOWING A LIME-STORM RIGHT AT STARRO !
LIME
LIME
UNTIL FINALLY, STARRO IS IMPRISONED IN AN UNBREAKABLE SHELL --A LIVING STATUE OF LIME!
THAT'S THE END OF STARRO... AND ITS CONQUEST OF EARTH !
LATER, BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF ALL THE MEMBERS...
SNAPPER, IN APPRECIATION OF YOUR HELP, WE HAVE ELECTED YOU AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA ! THIS BAND IS YOUR SIGNALING DEVICE! WEAR IT ALWAYS--YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN WE MAY CALL AN EMERGENCY MEETING !
WELL, SNAPPER... WHAT DO YOU SAY?
MY FINGERS ARE SAYING IT FOR ME, FLASH!
SNAP!
SNAP!
JLA
WHAT STRANGE AND EVIL FORCES WILL THE ALL-STARS BE CALLED UPON TO BATTLE NEXT? DON'T MISS THE NEXT ISSUE OF... The JUSTICE LEAGUE of AMERICA!
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A STAR-STUDDED SPECTACULAR...
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ATTENTION--JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA! ARMED WITH THE FOUR MOST DESTRUCTIVE WEAPONS EVER DEVISED, I HAVE TIME-TRAVELED 10,000 YEARS FROM THE FUTURE TO DO BATTLE WITH YOU! READY--LET THE ACTION BEGIN!
SOME STRANGE FORCE IS GRIPPING US...RIVETING US TO OUR CHAIRS!
HOW CAN WE FIGHT HIM--IF WE CAN'T MAKE A MOVE AGAINST HIM?
MAN, THIS FIGHT LOOKS FIXED! MY JUSTICE LEAGUE PALS BETTER COME UP WITH A BIG STUNT--QUICK--IF THEY'RE GONNA BEAT THIS CREEP FROM FUTURESVILLE!
Roll Call
AQUAMAN · BATMAN
GREEN LANTERN · JOHN JONZZ
FLASH · WONDER WOMAN
SUPERMAN
THE NAME AND FAME OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA HAVE SPREAD NOT ONLY TO EVERY CORNER OF THE EARTH...BUT THROUGHOUT THE AGES!
YES, EVEN IN THE FAR DISTANT FUTURE, THE 20th CENTURY HEROES ARE REGARDED AS THE MIGHTIEST CRIME-FIGHTING TEAM THAT EVER EXISTED!
NOW--FROM OUT OF THOSE UNCHARTED, UNKNOWN YEARS...APPEARS A FUTURE-MAN TO ENGAGE THE SUPER-SEVEN MEMBERS IN COMBAT--A BATTLE THAT HISTORY WILL RECORD AS A DEFEAT FOR THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!
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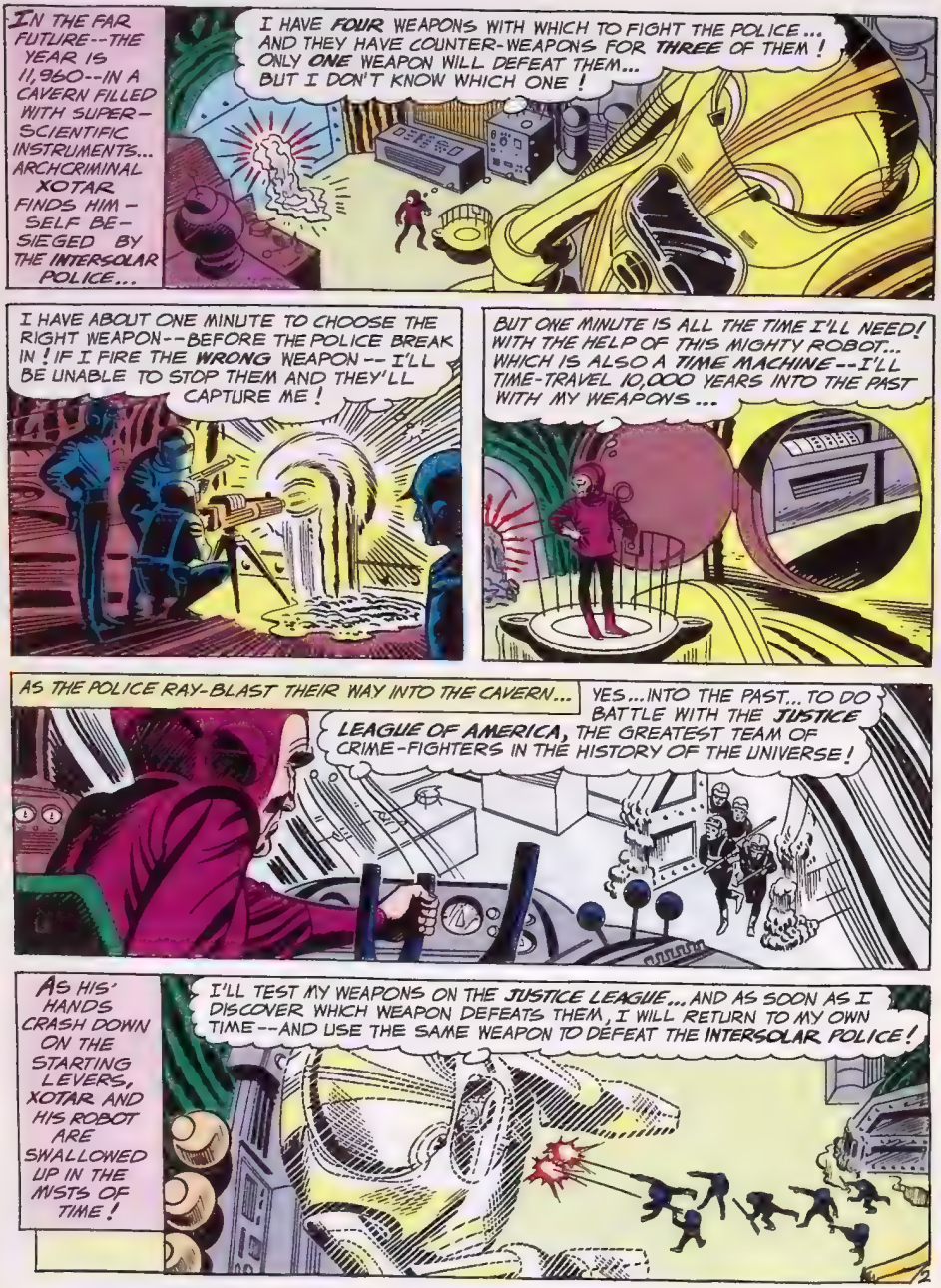
IN THE FAR FUTURE--THE YEAR IS 11,960--IN A CAVERN FILLED WITH SUPER-SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS... ARCHCRIMINAL XOTAR FINDS HIM-SELF BESIEGED BY THE INTERSOLAR POLICE...
I HAVE FOUR WEAPONS WITH WHICH TO FIGHT THE POLICE... AND THEY HAVE COUNTER-WEAPONS FOR THREE OF THEM! ONLY ONE WEAPON WILL DEFEAT THEM... BUT I DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE!
I HAVE ABOUT ONE MINUTE TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT WEAPON--BEFORE THE POLICE BREAK IN! IF I FIRE THE WRONG WEAPON -- I'LL BE UNABLE TO STOP THEM AND THEY'LL CAPTURE ME!
BUT ONE MINUTE IS ALL THE TIME I'LL NEED! WITH THE HELP OF THIS MIGHTY ROBOT... WHICH IS ALSO A TIME MACHINE--I'LL TIME-TRAVEL 10,000 YEARS INTO THE PAST WITH MY WEAPONS...
AS THE POLICE RAY-BLAST THEIR WAY INTO THE CAVERN...
YES...INTO THE PAST... TO DO BATTLE WITH THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, THE GREATEST TEAM OF CRIME-FIGHTERS IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE!
AS HIS HANDS CRASH DOWN ON THE STARTING LEVERS, XOTAR AND HIS ROBOT ARE SWALLOWED UP IN THE MISTS OF TIME!
I'LL TEST MY WEAPONS ON THE JUSTICE LEAGUE... AND AS SOON AS I DISCOVER WHICH WEAPON DEFEATS THEM, I WILL RETURN TO MY OWN TIME--AND USE THE SAME WEAPON TO DEFEAT THE INTERSOLAR POLICE!

HOW CAN I BE SURE ONE OF MY WEAPONS WILL DEFEAT THE J.L.A.? IT'S REVEALED IN THIS ANCIENT BOOK, WRITTEN BY WONDER WOMAN HERSELF, WHICH RECORDS THE EXPLOITS OF THOSE ANCIENT HEROES!
THOUGH THE TEN-THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD-BOOK IS BADLY FRAYED AND WORN-- WITH MUCH OF THE OLD WRITING ILLEGIBLE--ENOUGH WORDS CAN BE MADE OUT TO EXPLAIN XOTAR'S CONVICTION...
one of the four weapons used by XOTAR to defeat the Justice League of America
HISTORY HAS ALREADY RECORDED MY JOURNEY TO THE PAST... EVEN IF I HAVEN'T EXPERIENCED IT AS YET! I WONDER... DID I USE THIS MICROSCOPITOR TO DEFEAT THEM... OR WAS IT THE DE-EVOLUTIONIZER I STOLE FROM THE INTER-STELLAR SCIENCE LABORATORY?
"MY THIRD WEAPON I FOUND IN THE ANCIENT RUINS OF A DEAD ANDROMEDA WORLD..."
"I HAVE A HUNCH THAT WEAPON NUMBER FOUR IS THE ONE WHICH DEFEATED THE JUSTICE LEAGUE! IT WAS MADE FOR THE MAD DICTATOR OF ALDEBARAN WHEN HE TRIED TO CONQUER HIS GALAXY! I FOUND IT FLOATING DEEP IN SPACE..."

AS THE MIGHTY ROBOT HURTLES BACKWARDS THROUGH THE CENTURIES ...
ONCE THIS ROBOT WAS ILARIC--MASTER-ROBOT OF ILLIRIUM, THE ROBOT PLANET! IT WAS A PERFECT MECHANICAL BRAIN IN AN INDESTRUCTIBLE BODY!
ILARIC SOLVED THE SECRET OF TIME—TRAVELING TO PAST AGES--BUT I TRICKED IT! AFTER IT BUILT THE TIME MACHINE IN ITS OWN BODY I CUT THE CONTROL WIRES FROM ITS NEUTRONIC BRAIN... AND BECAME ITS MASTER!
NOW ILARIC OBEYS MY COMMANDS AND WITH ITS HELP I SHALL MEET AND DEFEAT--THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!
IN THE YEAR 1960, YOUNG SNAPPER CARR IS CUTTING FIGURE EIGHTS ON FROZEN MILL RACE POND WHEN...
DIG THAT CRAZY CLAW! HEY--IT'S COMING RIGHT AT--ME!
AS THE COLD METAL FINGERS CLOSE ABOUT HIM, SNAPPER FIGHTS WITH COLD DETERMINATION ...
MAN, THIS IS A REAL DRAG! I'VE GOT TO CUT OUT OF HERE REAL FAST!
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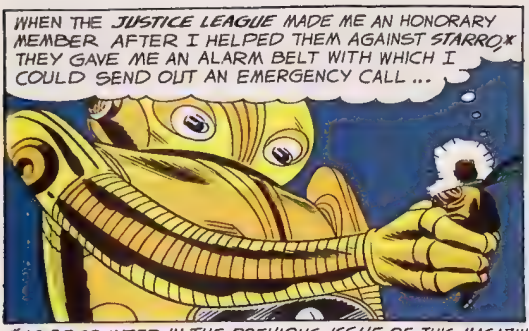
WHEN THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MADE ME AN HONORARY MEMBER AFTER I HELPED THEM AGAINST STARRO,* THEY GAVE ME AN ALARM BELT WITH WHICH I COULD SEND OUT AN EMERGENCY CALL ...

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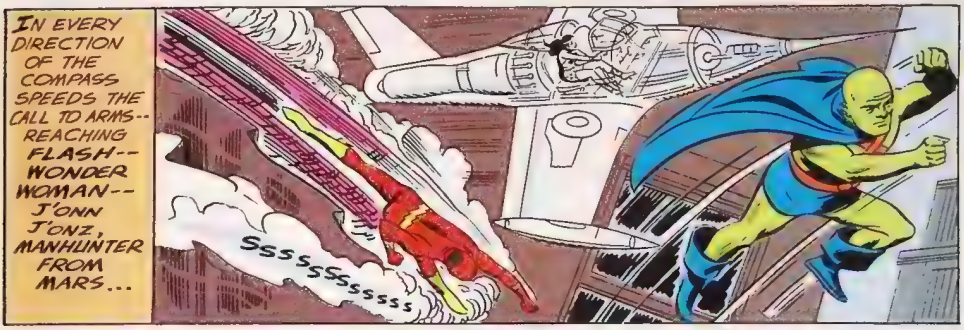
IN EVERY DIRECTION OF THE COMPASS SPEEDS THE CALL TO ARMS-- REACHING FLASH-- WONDER WOMAN-- J'ONN J'ONZ, MANHUNTER FROM MARS...
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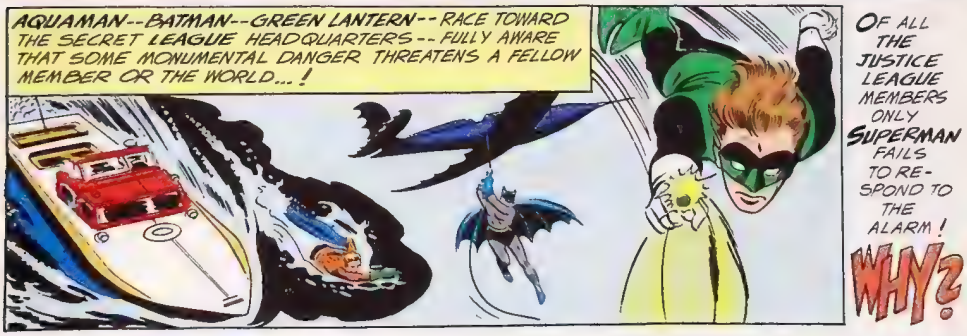
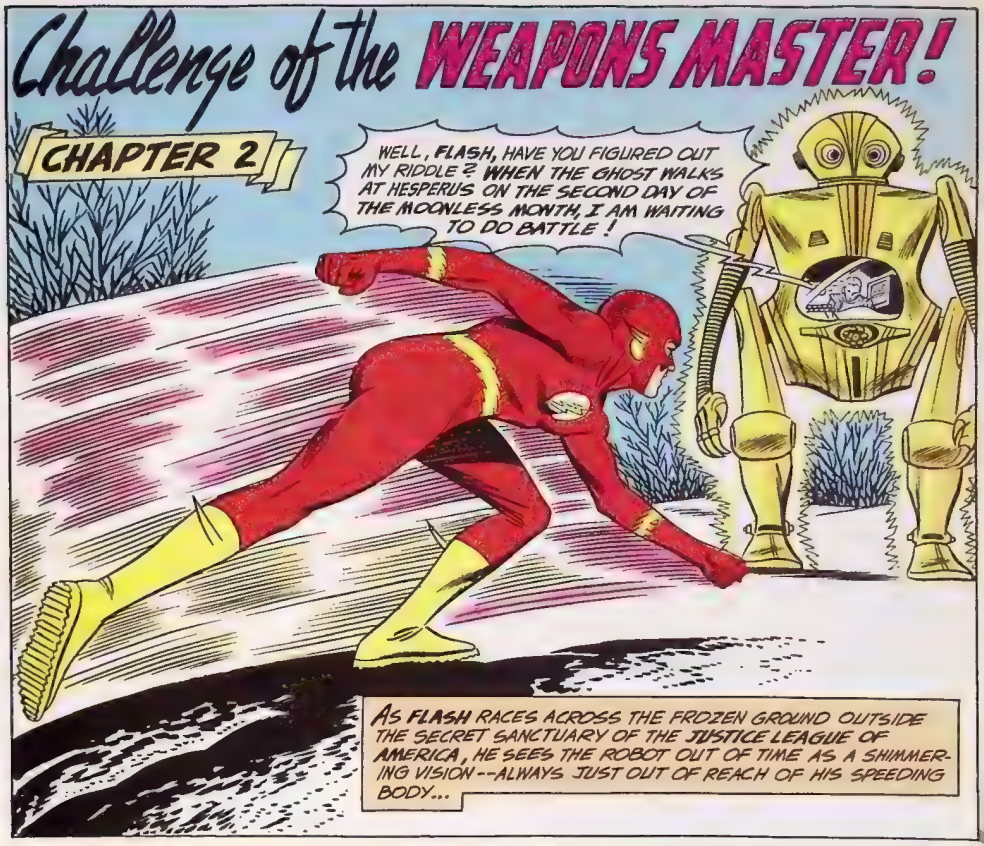

AQUAMAN--BATMAN--GREEN LANTERN--RACE TOWARD THE SECRET LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS--FULLY AWARE THAT SOME MONUMENTAL DANGER THREATENS A FELLOW MEMBER OR THE WORLD...!
OF ALL THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS ONLY SUPERMAN FAILS TO RESPOND TO THE ALARM!
WHY?

WHEN THEY ARRIVE AT THE HIDDEN SANCTUARY, THEY FIND SNAPPER CARR SEATED BY HIMSELF--EYES WIDE AND STARING-- AS A STRANGE VOICE ISSUES FROM HIS LIPS...
PLEASE JOIN YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS AT THE TABLE! I--XOTAR OF THE YEAR 11,960--HAVE BORROWED YOUR YOUNG FRIEND IN ORDER TO SUMMON YOU HERE AND CHALLENGE YOU TO COMBAT!

SPEAKING THROUGH THE VOICE OF SNAPPER CARR, XOTAR EXPLAINS ABOUT HIS FOUR SUPER-WEAPONS...
...AND YOU SHALL FIGHT ME ONE AT A TIME TO HELP ME DETERMINE WHICH WEAPON WILL OVERCOME THE INTERSOLAR POLICE! FIRST, I SELECT FLASH!
WHY TACKLE HIM ONE AT A TIME? LET'S ALL GO AFTER THIS CRIMINAL!
SUDDENLY A YELLOW LIGHT BEAMS DOWN AT THEM FROM ABOVE...
THE YELLOW LIGHT BEAM IS A GRAVITIC RAY! IT HOLDS YOU ROOTED TO YOUR CHAIRS! IN THIS WAY I AM SURE OF FIGHTING YOU--IN THE ORDER I SELECT!
AGAINST A YELLOW BEAM MY RING IS POWERLESS!
I'M FROZEN SOLID! I CAN'T MOVE!
FLASH, YOU WILL FIGURE OUT A WAY TO ESCAPE THE GRAVITIC RAY, I'M SURE! SO WHILE YOU'RE FREEING YOURSELF--REMEMBER THIS! WHEN THE GHOST WALKS AT HESPERUS ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE MOONLESS MONTH, I AM WAITING TO DO BATTLE!
BY VIBRATING HIS BODY FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF LIGHT, THE FLASH BREAKS FREE OF THE YELLOW BEAM...
AH, I SEE YOU FIGURED OUT THE ESCAPE, FLASH! GOOD! I'M SURE YOU'LL PROVE TO BE A WORTHY OPPONENT!
I'LL BE BACK SHORTLY--IN PERSON--AFTER I DISPOSE OF THE FLASH--TO DO BATTLE WITH THE REST OF YOU!
GO GET HIM, FLASH!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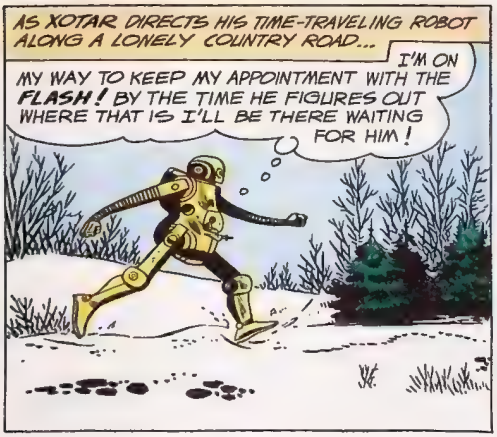
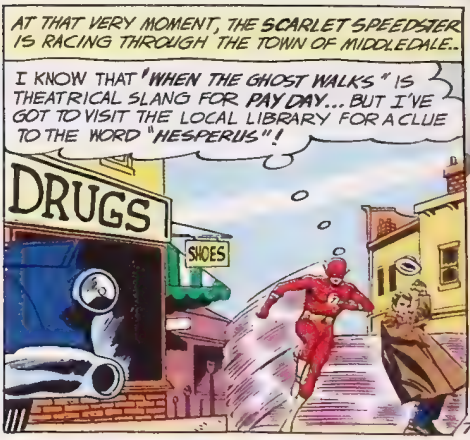
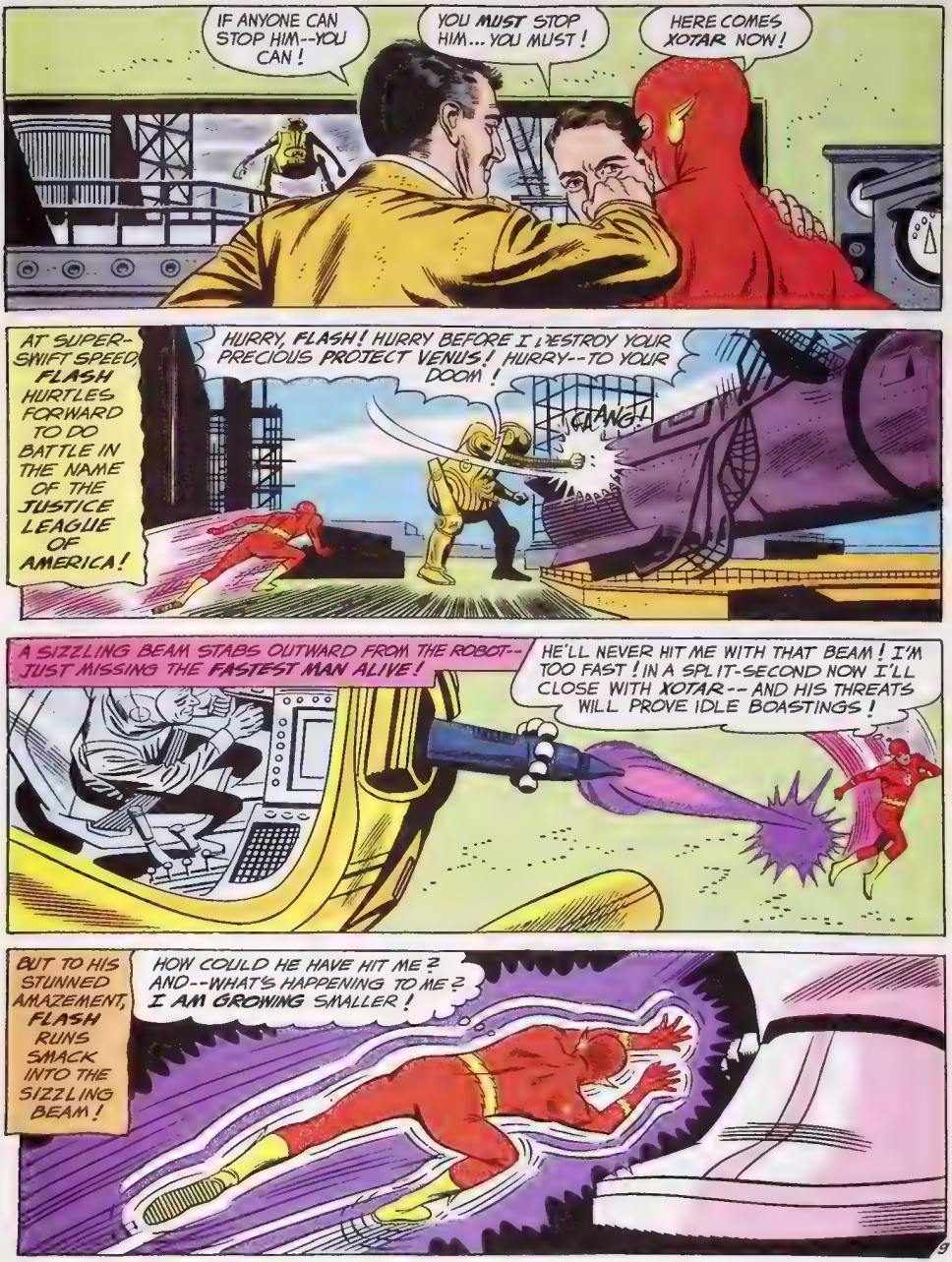
WELL, FLASH, HAVE YOU FIGURED OUT MY RIDDLE? WHEN THE GHOST WALKS AT HESPERUS ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE MOONLESS MONTH, I AM WAITING TO DO BATTLE!
AS FLASH RACES ACROSS THE FROZEN GROUND OUTSIDE THE SECRET SANCTUARY OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, HE SEES THE ROBOT OUT OF TIME AS A SHIMMERING VISION--ALWAYS JUST OUT OF REACH OF HIS SPEEDING BODY...


AS XOTAR DIRECTS HIS TIME-TRAVELING ROBOT ALONG A LONELY COUNTRY ROAD...
I'M ON MY WAY TO KEEP MY APPOINTMENT WITH THE FLASH! BY THE TIME HE FIGURES OUT WHERE THAT IS I'LL BE THERE WAITING FOR HIM!


AT THAT VERY MOMENT, THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER IS RACING THROUGH THE TOWN OF MIDDLEDALE..
I KNOW THAT "WHEN THE GHOST WALKS" IS THEATRICAL SLANG FOR PAY DAY... BUT I'VE GOT TO VISIT THE LOCAL LIBRARY FOR A CLUE TO THE WORD "HESPERUS"!
DRUGS
SHOES

IN THE HUSHED QUIET OF THE MIDDLEDALE LIBRARY, A VOLUME OF THE ENCYCLOPEDIA APPEARS TO REMOVE ITSELF FROM THE SHELF--ITS PAGES FLIP--THEN RETURN TO ITS SLOT...
HERE IT IS--HESPERUS--THE NAME GIVEN BY HOMER IN HIS ILIAD TO THE PLANET VENUS!
THERE'S A PROJECT VENUS DOWN IN FLORIDA--A TOP PRIORITY CRASH-PROGRAM TO SEND A ROCKET TO THE PLANET VENUS! THAT'S WHERE XOTAR IS GOING TO STRIKE!
WITHIN SECONDS, THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE IS HURTLING DOWN THE ATLANTIC COASTLINE...
THE NEW MOON... WHICH IS INVISIBLE TO EARTH EYES...APPEARS EVERY 29½ DAYS! THEREFORE, FEBRUARY--WITH ONLY 28 DAYS...IS OCCASIONALLY A MOONLESS MONTH! TODAY--FEBRUARY 15 IS PAY DAY! THAT'S WHEN XOTAR WILL STRIKE!
FLORIDA STATE LINE 235 MILES
REACHING THE MISSILE BASE, FLASH ALERTS GENERAL MORGAN ANDERSON AND CIVILIAN CHIEF WARNER HUNTER OF THE DANGER...
THIS XOTAR MUST BE STOPPED AT ALL COSTS, FLASH!
WE'VE BEEN WORKING DAY AND NIGHT TO PULL AHEAD OF OUR RIVAL IN THE SPACE-RACE!
IF XOTAR AND HIS TIME-ROBOT ARE ALLOWED TO RUN WILD--THEY'LL SET OUR SPACE PROGRAM BACK FIVE YEARS!


IF ANYONE CAN STOP HIM--YOU CAN!
YOU MUST STOP HIM... YOU MUST!
HERE COMES XOTAR NOW!
AT SUPER-SWIFT SPEED, FLASH HURTLES FORWARD TO DO BATTLE IN THE NAME OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA!
HURRY, FLASH! HURRY BEFORE I DESTROY YOUR PRECIOUS PROTECT VENUS! HURRY--TO YOUR DOOM!
CLANG!
A SIZZLING BEAM STABS OUTWARD FROM THE ROBOT--JUST MISSING THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE!
HE'LL NEVER HIT ME WITH THAT BEAM! I'M TOO FAST! IN A SPLIT-SECOND NOW I'LL CLOSE WITH XOTAR-- AND HIS THREATS WILL PROVE IDLE BOASTINGS!
BUT TO HIS STUNNED AMAZEMENT, FLASH RUNS SMACK INTO THE SIZZLING BEAM!
HOW COULD HE HAVE HIT ME? AND--WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME? I AM GROWING SMALLER!

LEAPING FORWARD--DODGING--TWISTING--LEAPING--HE IS HIT AGAIN AND AGAIN BY THE SIZE-REDUCING MICROSCOPITOR WEAPON...
XOTAR MUST BE READING MY MIND! HE KNOWS WHICH WAY I'M GOING TO MOVE... AS SOON AS I KNOW IT MYSELF!
NOW ONLY A FOOT HIGH, THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER NEVERTHELESS HURTLES FORWARD, GRIMLY DETERMINED--YET HE IS HIT AGAIN AND AGAIN BY THE SHRINKING RAYS OF THE MICROSCOPITOR!
NOW I'M ONLY SIX INCHES TALL! I MUST DESTROY THE WEAPON... BUT HOW? I HAVE NOWHERE TO HIDE... AND IN ANOTHER MOMENT I'LL BE DOWN TO SUB-ATOMIC SIZE!
SUDDENLY FLASH VIBRATES WITH SUCH TREMENDOUS SPEED THAT HE TURNS HIMSELF INTO A LIVING CORK'SCREW--AND BURROWS THROUGH THE EARTH!
WHERE IS HE? I CAN'T SEE HIM! HIS THOUGHTS ARE HIDDEN FROM ME!
NOW THREE INCHES TALL, THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER VIBRATES HIS WAY THROUGH THE METAL LEG OF THE TIME-TRAVELING ROBOT...
BEFORE XOTAR REALIZES WHERE I AM, I'LL DESTROY HIS WEAPON--THEN MAKE HIM MY PRISONER!
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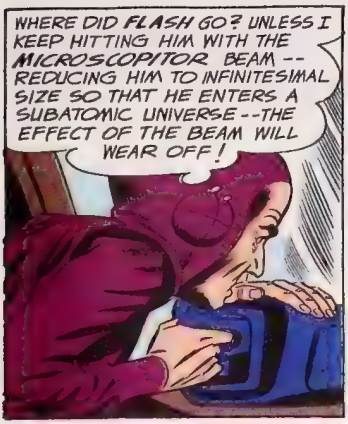
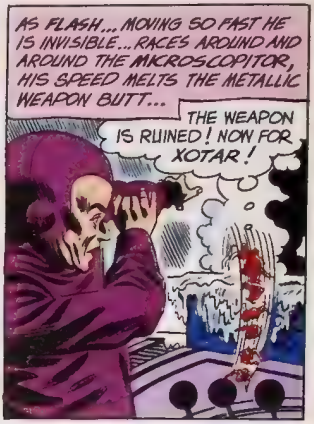
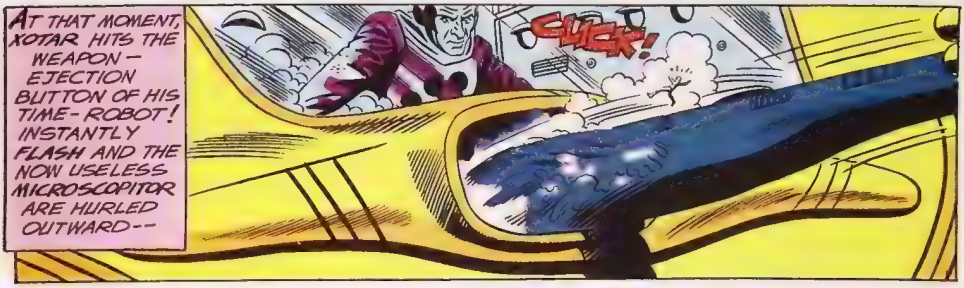

WHERE DID FLASH GO? UNLESS I KEEP HITTING HIM WITH THE MICROSCOPITOR BEAM -- REDUCING HIM TO INFINITESIMAL SIZE SO THAT HE ENTERS A SUBATOMIC UNIVERSE--THE EFFECT OF THE BEAM WILL WEAR OFF!

XOTAR'S EYES BULGE AS HE SEES THE BUTT OF HIS SUPER-WEAPON BEGINS TO MELT BEFORE HIM...
FLASH MUST BE CAUSING THIS... B-BUT HOW?


AS FLASH... MOVING SO FAST HE IS INVISIBLE... RACES AROUND AND AROUND THE MICROSCOPITOR, HIS SPEED MELTS THE METALLIC WEAPON BUTT...
THE WEAPON IS RUINED! NOW FOR XOTAR!


AT THAT MOMENT, XOTAR HITS THE WEAPON— EJECTION BUTTON OF HIS TIME-ROBOT! INSTANTLY FLASH AND THE NOW USELESS MICROSCOPITOR ARE HURLED OUTWARD--
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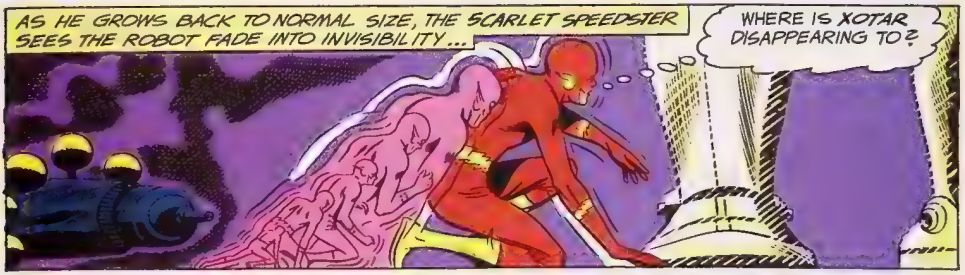
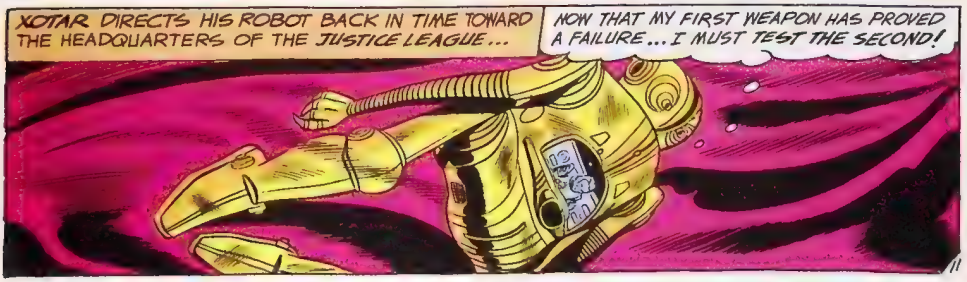
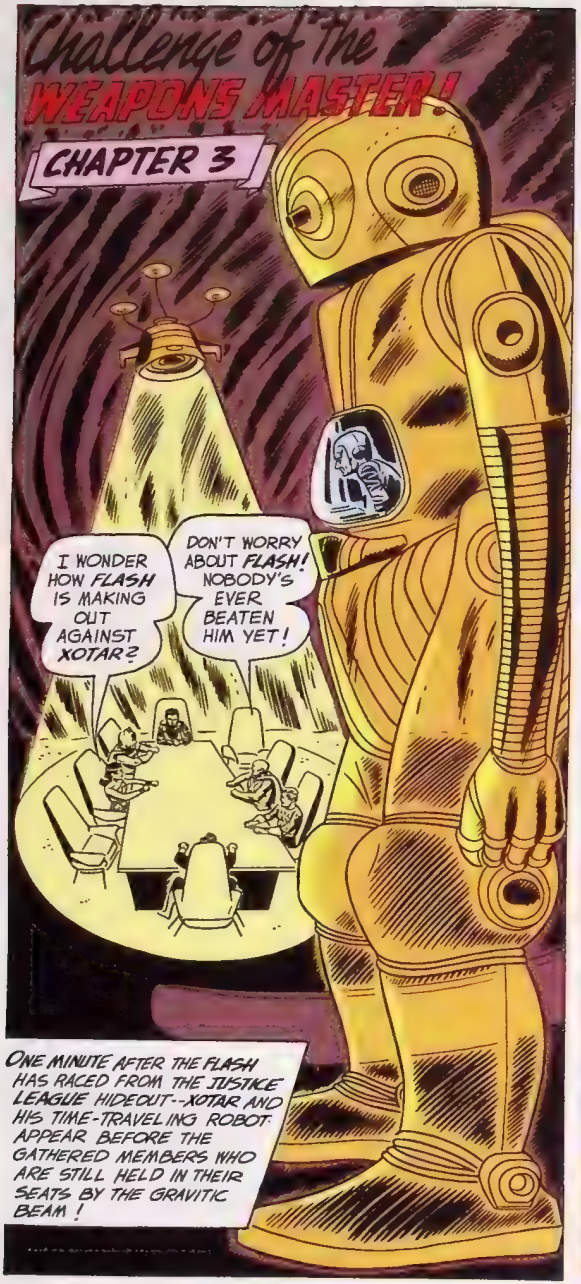

AS HE GROWS BACK TO NORMAL SIZE, THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER SEES THE ROBOT FADE INTO INVISIBILITY...
WHERE IS XOTAR DISAPPEARING TO?


XOTAR DIRECTS HIS ROBOT BACK IN TIME TOWARD THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE...
NOW THAT MY FIRST WEAPON HAS PROVED A FAILURE... I MUST TEST THE SECOND!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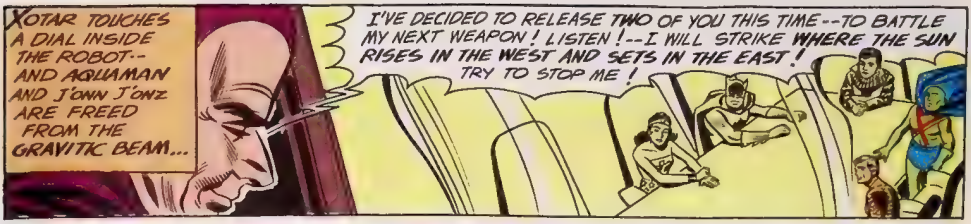
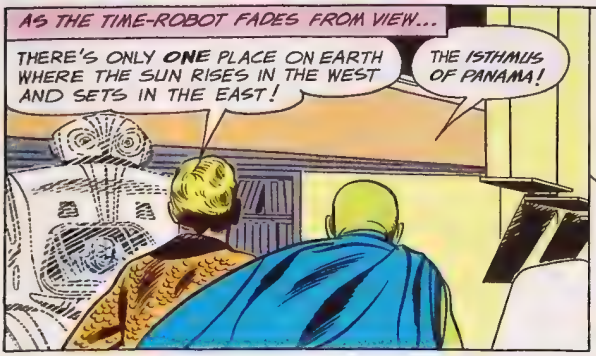
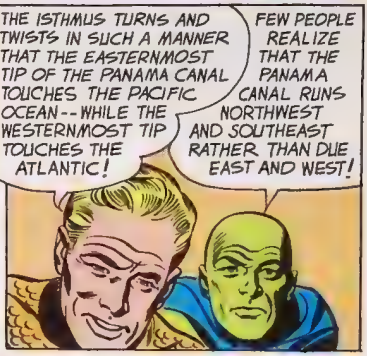
I WONDER HOW FLASH IS MAKING OUT AGAINST XOTAR?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT FLASH! NOBODY'S EVER BEATEN HIM YET!
ONE MINUTE AFTER THE FLASH HAS RACED FROM THE JUSTICE LEAGUE HIDEOUT--XOTAR AND HIS TIME-TRAVELING ROBOT APPEAR BEFORE THE GATHERED MEMBERS WHO ARE STILL HELD IN THEIR SEATS BY THE GRAVITIC BEAM!

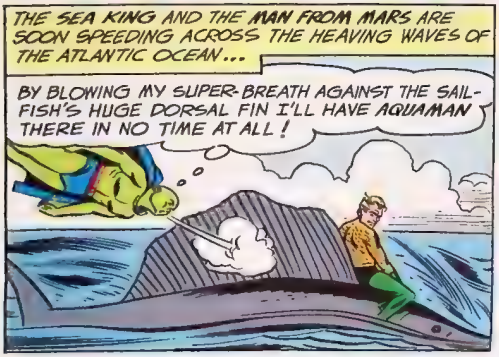
IT'S XOTAR!
THEN... THAT MEANS HE DEFEATED THE FLASH--IN ONE MINUTE!
OH, NO! ACTUALLY THE FLASH OVERCAME MY MICRO-SCOPITOR WEAPON!

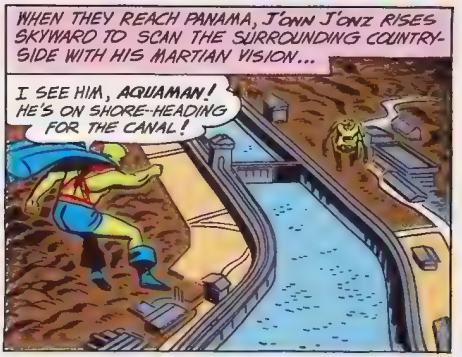
IT TOOK HIM LESS THAN AN HOUR TO DO THAT--BUT I JOURNEYED BACK IN TIME--TO ONE MINUTE AFTER FLASH LEFT! HE'S ON HIS WAY HERE NOW... BUT HE WON'T ARRIVE FOR AN HOUR OR SO! NOW--ON TO THE NEXT TEST!

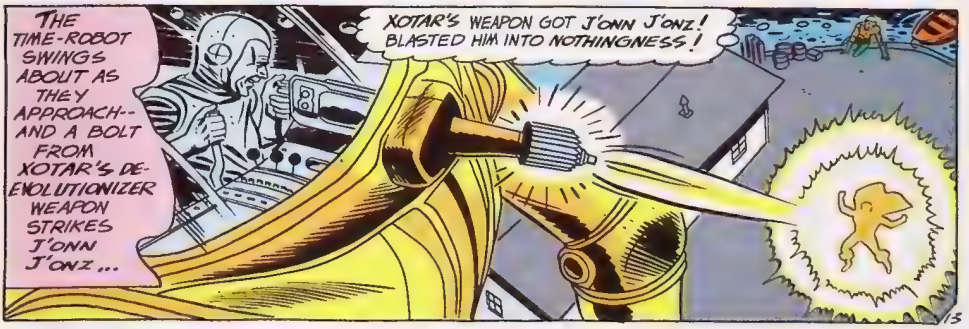

XOTAR TOUCHES A DIAL INSIDE THE ROBOT--AND AQUAMAN AND J'ONN J'ONZ ARE FREED FROM THE GRAVITIC BEAM...
I'VE DECIDED TO RELEASE TWO OF YOU THIS TIME--TO BATTLE MY NEXT WEAPON! LISTEN!--I WILL STRIKE WHERE THE SUN RISES IN THE WEST AND SETS IN THE EAST! TRY TO STOP ME!

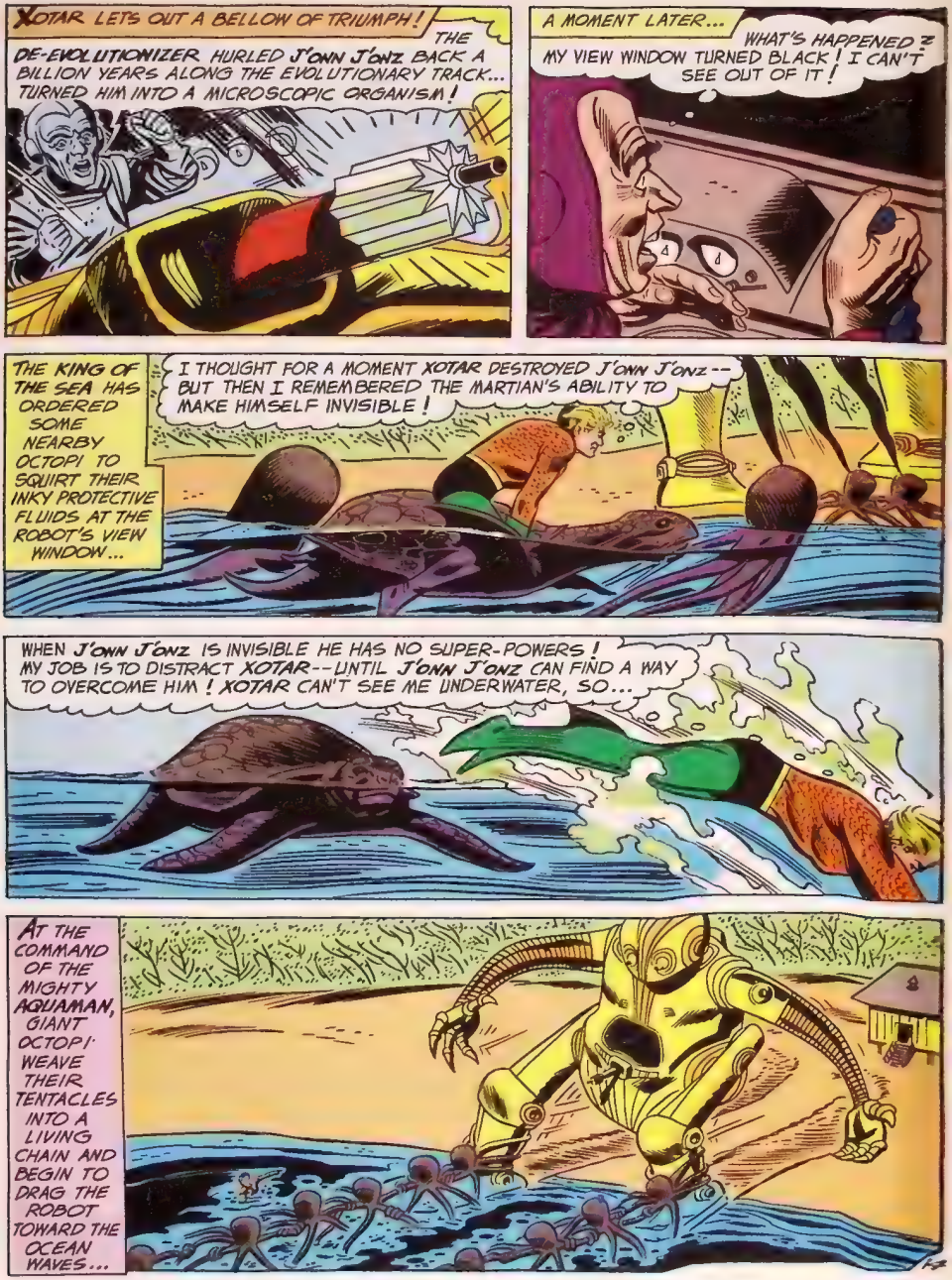

AS THE TIME-ROBOT FADES FROM VIEW...
THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE ON EARTH WHERE THE SUN RISES IN THE WEST AND SETS IN THE EAST!
THE ISTHMUS OF PANAMA!

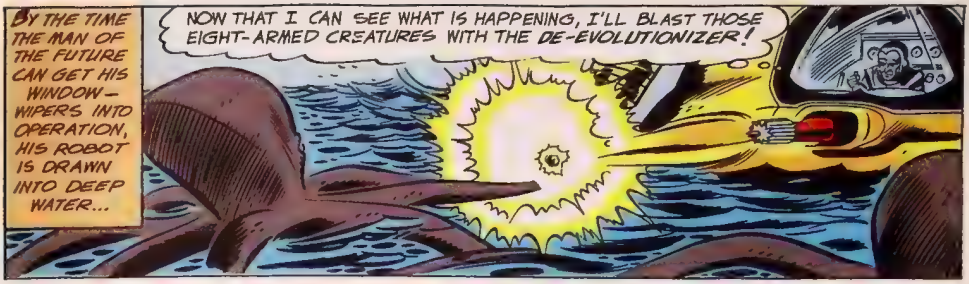

THE ISTHMUS TURNS AND TWISTS IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE EASTERNMOST TIP OF THE PANAMA CANAL TOUCHES THE PACIFIC OCEAN--WHILE THE WESTERNMOST TIP TOUCHES THE ATLANTIC!
FEW PEOPLE REALIZE THAT THE PANAMA CANAL RUNS NORTHWEST AND SOUTHEAST RATHER THAN DUE EAST AND WEST!

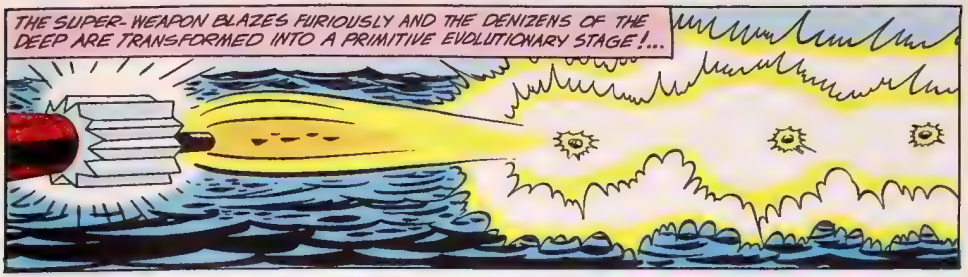

THE SEA KING AND THE MAN FROM MARS ARE SOON SPEEDING ACROSS THE HEAVING WAVES OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN...
BY BLOWING MY SUPER-BREATH AGAINST THE SAILFISH'S HUGE DORSAL FIN I'LL HAVE AQUAMAN THERE IN NO TIME AT ALL!

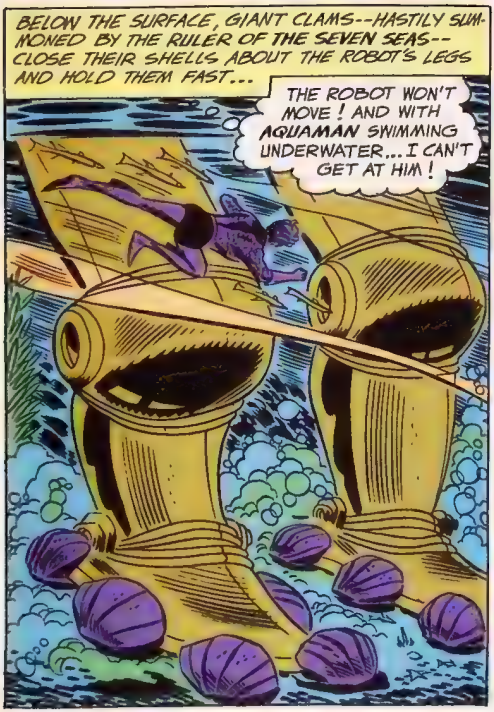

WHEN THEY REACH PANAMA, J'ONN J'ONZ RISES SKYWARD TO SCAN THE SURROUNDING COUNTRYSIDE WITH HIS MARTIAN VISION...
I SEE HIM, AQUAMAN! HE'S ON SHORE-HEADING FOR THE CANAL!

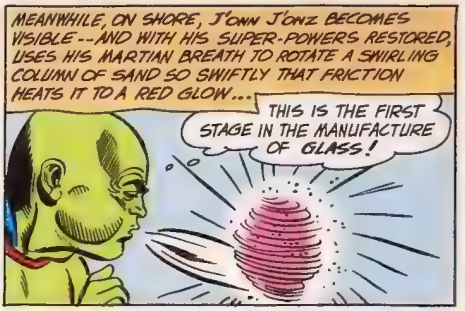

THE TIME-ROBOT SWINGS ABOUT AS THEY APPROACH--AND A BOLT FROM XOTAR'S DE-EVOLUTIONIZER WEAPON STRIKES J'ONN J'ONZ...
XOTAR'S WEAPON GOT J'ONN J'ONZ! BLASTED HIM INTO NOTHINGNESS!


XOTAR LETS OUT A BELLOW OF TRIUMPH!
THE DE-EVOLUTIONIZER HURLED J'ONN J'ONZ BACK A BILLION YEARS ALONG THE EVOLUTIONARY TRACK... TURNED HIM INTO A MICROSCOPIC ORGANISM!
A MOMENT LATER...
WHAT'S HAPPENED? MY VIEW WINDOW TURNED BLACK! I CAN'T SEE OUT OF IT!
THE KING OF THE SEA HAS ORDERED SOME NEARBY OCTOPI TO SQUIRT THEIR INKY PROTECTIVE FLUIDS AT THE ROBOT'S VIEW WINDOW...
I THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT XOTAR DESTROYED J'ONN J'ONZ -- BUT THEN I REMEMBERED THE MARTIAN'S ABILITY TO MAKE HIMSELF INVISIBLE!
WHEN J'ONN J'ONZ IS INVISIBLE HE HAS NO SUPER-POWERS! MY JOB IS TO DISTRACT XOTAR -- UNTIL J'ONN J'ONZ CAN FIND A WAY TO OVERCOME HIM! XOTAR CAN'T SEE ME UNDERWATER, SO...
AT THE COMMAND OF THE MIGHTY AQUAMAN, GIANT OCTOPI WEAVE THEIR TENTACLES INTO A LIVING CHAIN AND BEGIN TO DRAG THE ROBOT TOWARD THE OCEAN WAVES...


BY THE TIME THE MAN OF THE FUTURE CAN GET HIS WINDOW-WIPERS INTO OPERATION, HIS ROBOT IS DRAWN INTO DEEP WATER...
NOW THAT I CAN SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING, I'LL BLAST THOSE EIGHT-ARMED CREATURES WITH THE DE-EVOLUTIONIZER!

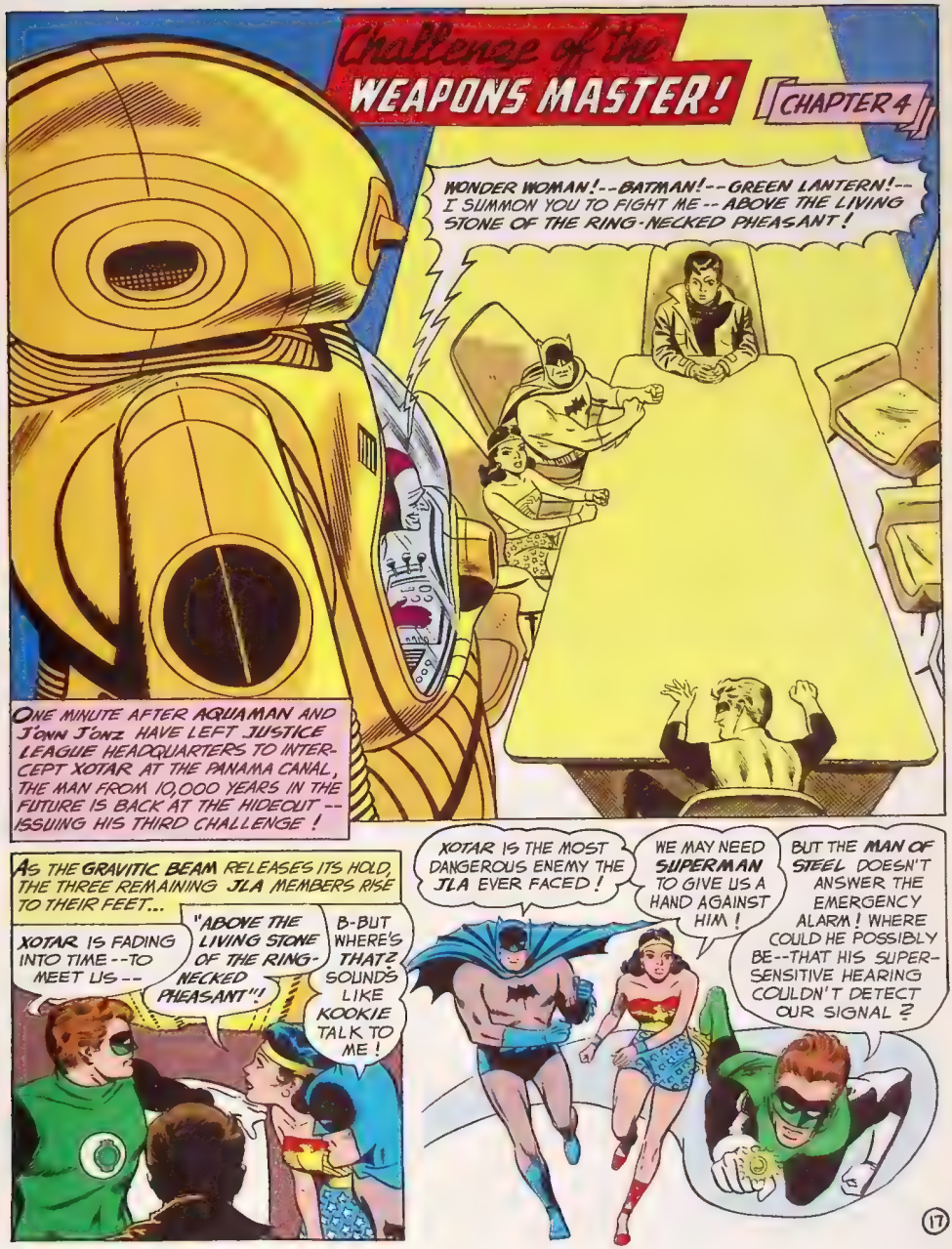

THE SUPER-WEAPON BLAZES FURIOUSLY AND THE DENIZENS OF THE DEEP ARE TRANSFORMED INTO A PRIMITIVE EVOLUTIONARY STAGE!...


BELOW THE SURFACE, GIANT CLAMS--HASTILY SUMMONED BY THE RULER OF THE SEVEN SEAS--CLOSE THEIR SHELLS ABOUT THE ROBOT'S LEGS AND HOLD THEM FAST...
THE ROBOT WON'T MOVE! AND WITH AQUAMAN SWIMMING UNDERWATER... I CAN'T GET AT HIM!


MEANWHILE, ON SHORE, J'ONN J'ONZ BECOMES VISIBLE--AND WITH HIS SUPER-POWERS RESTORED, USES HIS MARTIAN BREATH TO ROTATE A SWIRLING COLUMN OF SAND SO SWIFTLY THAT FRICTION HEATS IT TO A RED GLOW...
THIS IS THE FIRST STAGE IN THE MANUFACTURE OF GLASS!

FROM THE SOIL--BY DRAWING A MARTIAN SUPER-BREATH--HE LIFTS OUT POTASH AND SODA, OXIDE OF IRON AND ALUMINUM, AND MIXES THEM AT SUPER-HEAT...
NOW THAT I'VE MADE GLASS, I'LL BACK IT WITH SILVER--THUS TURNING IT INTO A MIRROR!

WITH THE MIRROR HELD FIRMLY IN A HAND BEHIND HIS BACK, J'onn J'onz HURTLES AT THE TIME-ROBOT! INSTANTLY XOTAR SWINGS THE DIAMOND BARREL OF THE SUPER-WEAPON TOWARDS HIM...
WHA--? IT'S J'onn J'onz! I MUST HAVE MISSED HIM BEFORE! THIS TIME I'LL SCORE A DIRECT HIT!
A BOLT OF INCREDIBLE POWER SPEEDS STRAIGHT FOR THE MARTIAN, WHO LIFTS HIS HAND TO CATCH IT ON THE BRIGHT SURFACE OF HIS MIRROR!
INSTANTLY THE MIRROR IS DE-EVOLUTIONIZED INTO SAND AND SODA, POTASH AND METALLIC OXIDES--BUT NOT BEFORE...
THE BOLT FROM THE DE-EVOLUTIONIZER WAS REFLECTED BACK AT THE DIAMOND BARREL OF MY SUPER-WEAPON! IT DE-EVOLUTIONIZED THE DIAMOND INTO ITS ORIGINAL FORM... PURE CARBON!
AND SINCE THE DE-EVOLUTIONIZER NEEDS A BARREL OF SOLID DIAMOND TO WORK, MY SECOND SUPER-WEAPON HAS BEEN DEFEATED!
WITH ONE HAND, XOTAR HITS THE WEAPON-EJECTOR BUTTON WHILE WITH THE OTHER HE THROWS OVER THE CONTROLS OF THE TIME MACHINE...
HE'S TAKING THE ROBOT BACK INTO TIME --TO CHALLENGE ANOTHER JUSTICE LEAGUE TEAM!
I HAVE TWO WEAPONS LEFT!... ONE OF WHICH MUST DEFEAT THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!
XOTAR IS STARTING TO FADE AWAY!


Challenge of the WEAPONS MASTER!
CHAPTER 4
WONDER WOMAN!--BATMAN!--GREEN LANTERN!--I SUMMON YOU TO FIGHT ME--ABOVE THE LIVING STONE OF THE RING-NECKED PHEASANT!
ONE MINUTE AFTER AQUAMAN AND JONN JONZ HAVE LEFT JUSTICE LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS TO INTERCEPT XOTAR AT THE PANAMA CANAL, THE MAN FROM 10,000 YEARS IN THE FUTURE IS BACK AT THE HIDEOUT--ISSUING HIS THIRD CHALLENGE!
AS THE GRAVITIC BEAM RELEASES ITS HOLD, THE THREE REMAINING JLA MEMBERS RISE TO THEIR FEET...
XOTAR IS FADING INTO TIME--TO MEET US--
"ABOVE THE LIVING STONE OF THE RING-NECKED PHEASANT"!
B-BUT WHERE'S THAT? SOUNDS LIKE KOOKIE TALK TO ME!
XOTAR IS THE MOST DANGEROUS ENEMY THE JLA EVER FACED!
WE MAY NEED SUPERMAN TO GIVE US A HAND AGAINST HIM!
BUT THE MAN OF STEEL DOESN'T ANSWER THE EMERGENCY ALARM! WHERE COULD HE POSSIBLY BE--THAT HIS SUPER-SENSITIVE HEARING COULDN'T DETECT OUR SIGNAL?

I HAVE AN IDEA WHERE HE MAY BE--AND WHY HE HASN'T ANSWERED SNAPPER'S CALL! I'LL GO CHECK ON MY THEORY!
WHILE YOU DO THAT--GREEN LANTERN AND I WILL GO AFTER XOTAR!
WONDER WOMAN IN HER ROBOT PLANE AND GREEN LANTERN WITH HIS POWER RING ARE SOON SOARING HIGH ABOVE THE EARTH...
"LIVING STONE" IS STONE WHICH HAS BEEN SCULPTURED INTO STATUARY WHILE STILL IN ITS NATURAL STATE... AS DISTINGUISHED FROM QUARRIED STONE, LIKE A MARBLE SLAB!
AT SUPER-SPEED THEY ROCKET ABOVE THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, HEADING WESTWARD...
THE RING-NECKED PHEASANT IS THE OFFICIAL STATE BIRD OF SOUTH DAKOTA! THAT'S THE PLACE WHERE GUTZON BORGLUM CARVED LIVING ROCK IN A NATIONAL MONUMENT!
THE MOUNT RUSHMORE MEMORIAL! THAT'S WHERE XOTAR IS WAITING!
AH, WONDER WOMAN AND GREEN LANTERN HAVE ARRIVED--COMING AT ME FROM DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS!
FROM THE MUZZLES OF THE THIRD SUPER-WEAPON SPURT YELLOW BUBBLES AT THE AMAZON PRINCESS...
LADIES FIRST--MAKING WONDER WOMAN THE PRIME TARGET OF MY MAGNETO-BUBBLE WEAPON!
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IMPRISONED IN ONE OF THE MAGNETIC BUBBLES, WONDER WOMAN AND HER ROBOT PLANE ARE DRAWN SKYWARD.

THE BUBBLE HAS A STRONG MAGNETIC ATTRACTION FOR THE YELLOW STAR CAPELLA--250 TRILLION MILES FROM EARTH!

"CAPELLA WILL PULL WONDER WOMAN AND THE BUBBLE TO IT! EVEN IF SHE SHOULD SURVIVE THE LONG JOURNEY THROUGH SPACE--CAPELLA'S HEAT WILL SURELY FINISH HER OFF!"

LEAPING UPWARD AT THE MOMENT OF HER IMPRISONMENT INSIDE THE BUBBLE... GREEN LANTERN SEEKS A WAY TO FREE HIS HAPLESS PARTNER...

MY RING IS POWERLESS AGAINST ANYTHING YELLOW! XOTAR MUST HAVE KNOWN THAT... AND PLANNED HIS ATTACK ACCORDINGLY!

BUT THERE'S STILL A WAY TO OVERCOME THE HANDICAP AND FREE WONDER WOMAN! WITH MY POWER RING, I'LL CREATE A BOLIDE!*

*Editor's Note: A BRIGHT METEOR WHICH EXPLODES IN THE COURSE OF ITS FLIGHT THROUGH THE ATMOSPHERE!

I CAUSED THE BOLIDE TO EXPLODE IN SUCH A MANNER THAT ITS VIBRATIONS WILL SHATTER THE MAGNETIC BUBBLE!

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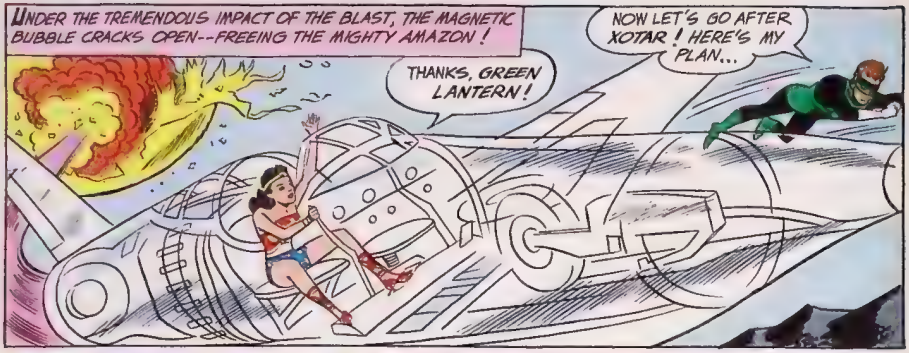
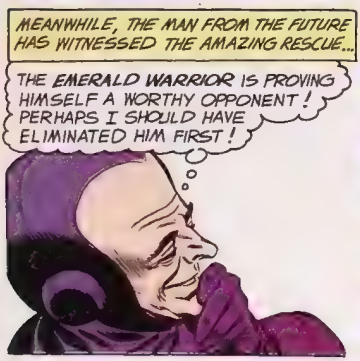
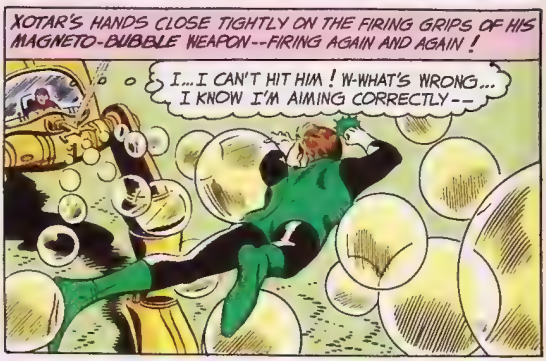
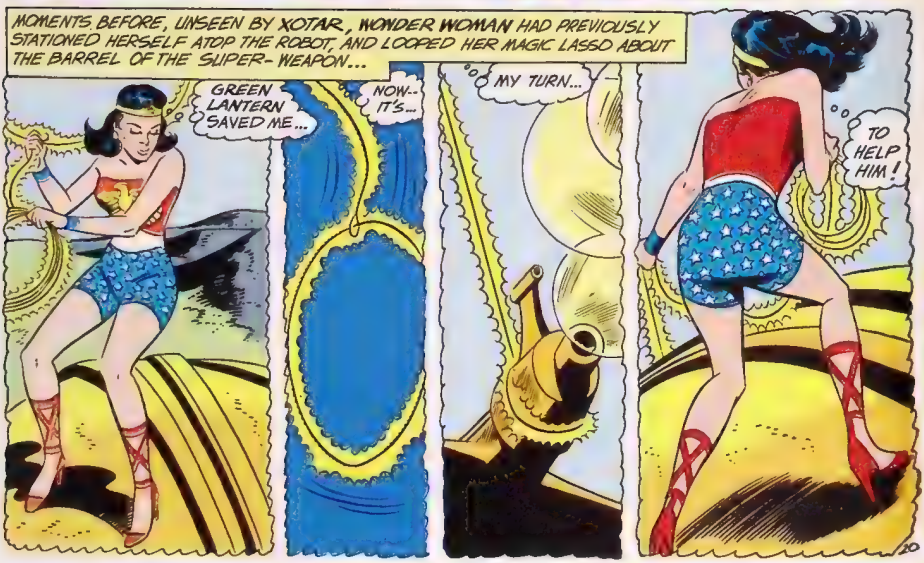

UNDER THE TREMENDOUS IMPACT OF THE BLAST, THE MAGNETIC BUBBLE CRACKS OPEN--FREEING THE MIGHTY AMAZON !
THANKS, GREEN LANTERN !
NOW LET'S GO AFTER XOTAR ! HERE'S MY PLAN...


MEANWHILE, THE MAN FROM THE FUTURE HAS WITNESSED THE AMAZING RESCUE...
THE EMERALD WARRIOR IS PROVING HIMSELF A WORTHY OPPONENT ! PERHAPS I SHOULD HAVE ELIMINATED HIM FIRST !


XOTAR'S HANDS CLOSE TIGHTLY ON THE FIRING GRIPS OF HIS MAGNETO-BUBBLE WEAPON--FIRING AGAIN AND AGAIN !
I...I CAN'T HIT HIM ! W-WHAT'S WRONG... I KNOW I'M AIMING CORRECTLY--


MOMENTS BEFORE, UNSEEN BY XOTAR, WONDER WOMAN HAD PREVIOUSLY STATIONED HERSELF ATOP THE ROBOT, AND LOOPED HER MAGIC LASSO ABOUT THE BARREL OF THE SUPER-WEAPON...
GREEN LANTERN SAVED ME...
NOW--IT'S...
MY TURN...
TO HELP HIM !
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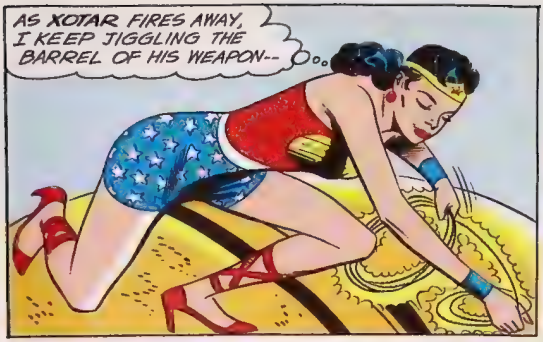
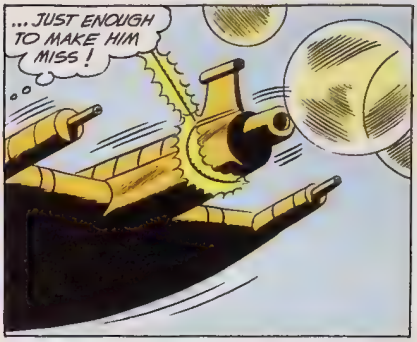
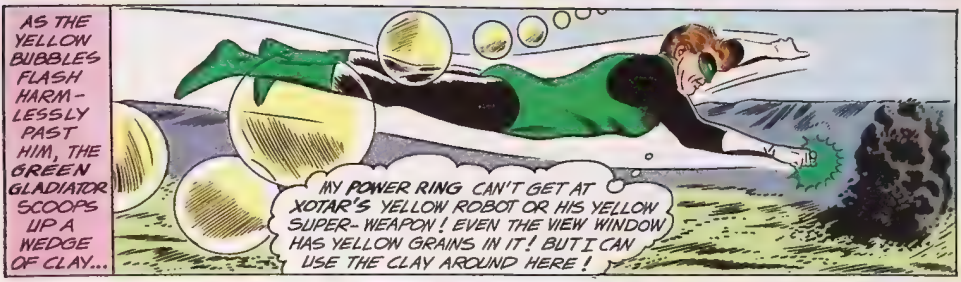

AS XOTAR FIRES AWAY, I KEEP JIGGLING THE BARREL OF HIS WEAPON--


...JUST ENOUGH TO MAKE HIM MISS!


AS THE YELLOW BUBBLES FLASH HARMLESSLY PAST HIM, THE GREEN GLADIATOR SCOOPS UP A WEDGE OF CLAY...
MY POWER RING CAN'T GET AT XOTAR'S YELLOW ROBOT OR HIS YELLOW SUPER-WEAPON! EVEN THE VIEW WINDOW HAS YELLOW GRAINS IN IT! BUT I CAN USE THE CLAY AROUND HERE!

WITH TERRIFIC FORCE, HE RAMS THE CLAY INTO THE MUZZLES OF THE SUPER-WEAPON -- CLOGGING THEM--RENDERING THEM USELESS!

THE NEXT MOMENT, THE MAN OF THE YEAR 11,960 HITS THE WEAPON-EJECTOR BUTTON AND...
XOTAR SAID HE WAS GOING TO TEST FOUR SUPER-WEAPONS! I WONDER WHAT THE LAST ONE WILL BE LIKE?
GOOD WORK, GREEN LANTERN! WE'VE WON OVER XOTAR'S THIRD WEAPON! BUT... HE'S GOING INTO TIME AGAIN!

MOVING THROUGH THE MISTS OF TIME, XOTAR CHUCKLES TO HIMSELF...
ALL ALONG I'VE FELT THE FOURTH WEAPON WAS THE INVINCIBLE ONE! NOW I'LL PROVE IT... BY FIGHTING THE ENTIRE JUSTICE LEAGUE--AT THE SAME TIME.. AND DEFEATING IT!

CHALLENGE OF THE WEAPONS MASTER!
CHAPTER 5
I--XOTAR--SPEAK ONCE AGAIN TO YOU THROUGH THE LIPS OF SNAPPER CARR! THIS TIME I CHALLENGE ALL OF YOU AT THE SAME TIME--TO DO BATTLE WITH ME IN THE VALLEY OF THE TEN THOUSAND SMOKES!
FROM THE MISSILE BASE OF PROJECT VENUS--FROM THE TROPICAL SHORES OF PANAMA--FROM THE MOUNTAIN LANDS OF SOUTH DAKOTA--THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS RETURN TRIUMPHANT TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS--TO FACE A FOURTH AND FINAL CHALLENGE FROM THE WEAPONS MASTER...

I FEEL OBLIGED TO WARN YOU--IT HAS ALREADY BEEN WRITTEN THAT I SHALL DEFEAT YOU--WITH THE MOST TERRIBLE WEAPON OF ALL TIME! YOUR PRIDE, I AM SURE, WILL NOT LET YOU IGNORE MY DARE!

WE'VE BEATEN XOTAR THREE TIMES! WE CAN BEAT HIM AGAIN...
...NO MATTER WHAT HAS BEEN WRITTEN...
...OR HOW TERRIBLE HIS WEAPON IS! LET'S GO!
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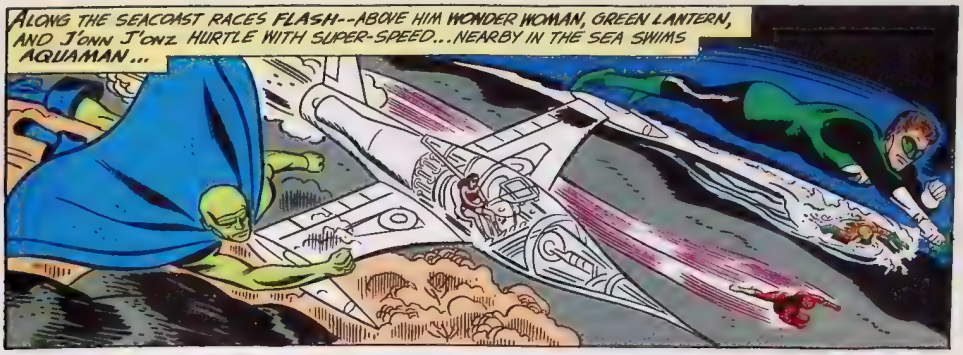
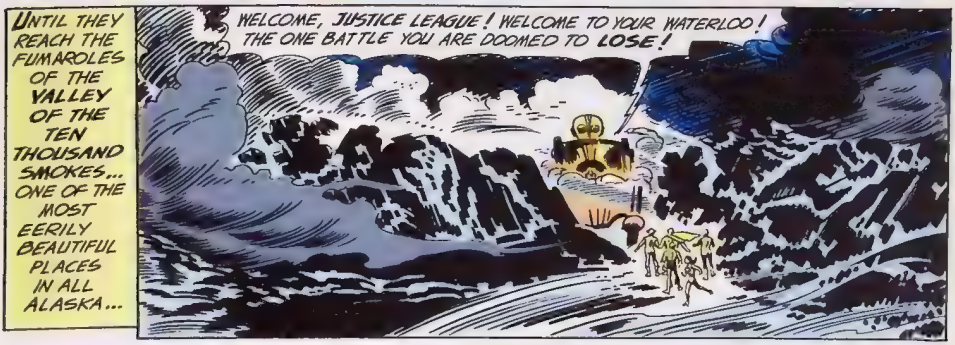
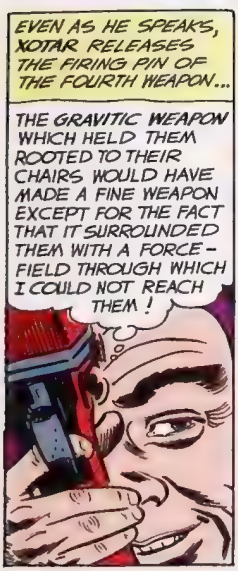
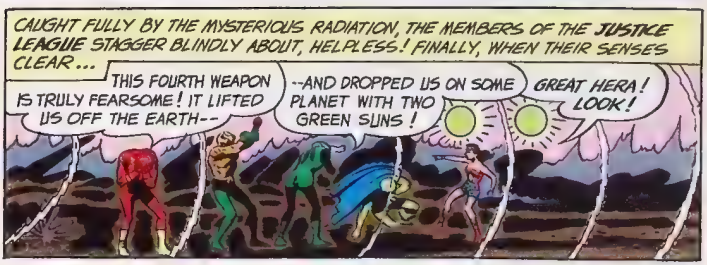
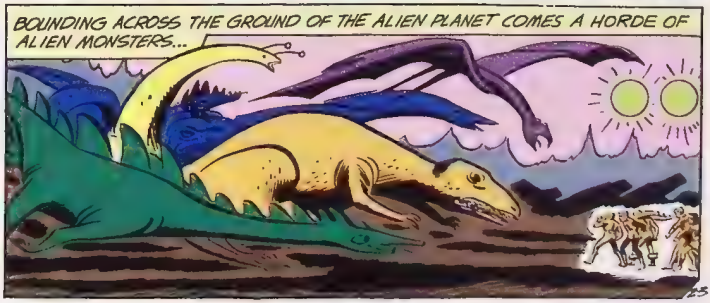

ALONG THE SEACOAST RACES FLASH--ABOVE HIM WONDER WOMAN, GREEN LANTERN, AND J'ONN J'ONZ. HURTLE WITH SUPER-SPEED...NEARBY IN THE SEA SWIMS AQUAMAN...


UNTIL THEY REACH THE FUMAROLES OF THE VALLEY OF THE TEN THOUSAND SMOKES... ONE OF THE MOST EERILY BEAUTIFUL PLACES IN ALL ALASKA...
WELCOME, JUSTICE LEAGUE! WELCOME TO YOUR WATERLOO! THE ONE BATTLE YOU ARE DOOMED TO LOSE!


EVEN AS HE SPEAKS, XOTAR RELEASES THE FIRING PIN OF THE FOURTH WEAPON...
THE GRAVITIC WEAPON WHICH HELD THEM ROOTED TO THEIR CHAIRS WOULD HAVE MADE A FINE WEAPON EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT IT SURROUNDED THEM WITH A FORCE-FIELD THROUGH WHICH I COULD NOT REACH THEM!


CAUGHT FULLY BY THE MYSTERIOUS RADIATION, THE MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE STAGGER BLINDLY ABOUT, HELPLESS! FINALLY, WHEN THEIR SENSES CLEAR...
THIS FOURTH WEAPON IS TRULY FEARSOME! IT LIFTED US OFF THE EARTH--
--AND DROPPED US ON SOME PLANET WITH TWO GREEN SUNS!
GREAT HERA! LOOK!


BOUNDING ACROSS THE GROUND OF THE ALIEN PLANET COMES A HORDE OF ALIEN MONSTERS...

THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MOVES TO DEFEND ITSELF! THE FLASH RAPIDLY CIRCLES AROUND ONE BEAST...
I'VE SURROUNDED THIS MONSTER IN A WHIRLPOOL OF AIR--BUT IT'S EASILY BREAKING THROUGH!
WONDER WOMAN ROPES A SECOND CREATURE... BUT IS STUNNED TO DISCOVER...
SUFFERING SAPPHO! IT BROKE FREE OF THE NOOSE! THAT'S THE FIRST TIME THAT EVER HAPPENED!
AMAZINGLY, THE SUPER-POWERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE FAIL TO HALT THE ONSLAUGHT OF THE ALIEN MONSTERS...
HELPLESS BEFORE THIS FIRE-BREATHING DRAGON!
SEA-SERPENT DEFYING MY TELE-PATHIC COMMANDS!
GIANT BIRD RESISTING MY POWER-RING ATTACKS!
BUT THIS IS THE PICTURE THE GLOATING XOTAR OBSERVES...
MY FOURTH WEAPON IS AN ILLUSION-MAKER! THE JUSTICE LEAGUE--DELUDED INTO IMAGINING IT IS ON ANOTHER WORLD... IS FIGHTING CREATURES THAT DON'T EXIST! WITHOUT REALIZING IT, THE MEMBERS' SUPER-POWERS ARE BEING USED AGAINST ONE ANOTHER--AND THEY'LL DESTROY THEMSELVES!
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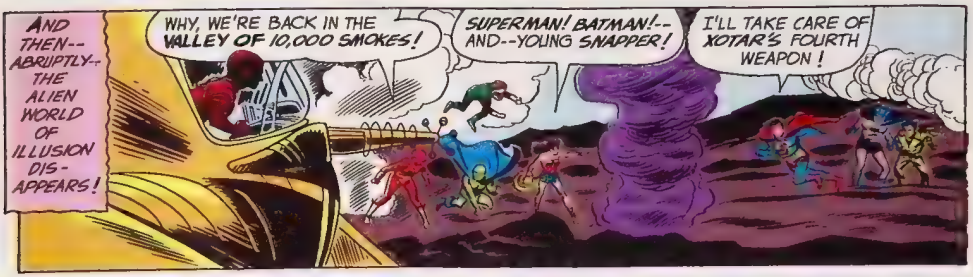
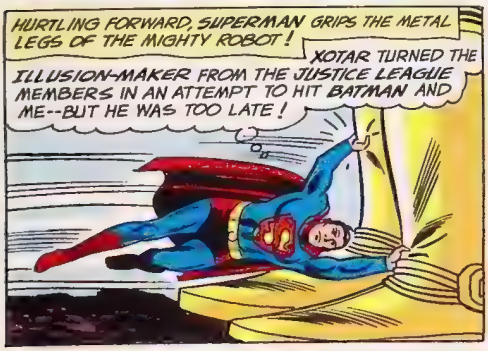
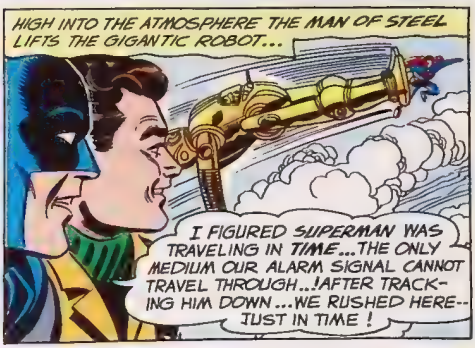
GREEN LANTERN! YOU ALMOST RING-BLASTED ME!
WONDER WOMAN! WATCH YOUR MAGIC LASSO!


AND THEN--ABRUPTLY--THE ALIEN WORLD OF ILLUSION DIS-APPEARS!
WHY, WE'RE BACK IN THE VALLEY OF 10,000 SMOKES!
SUPERMAN! BATMAN!--AND--YOUNG SNAPPER!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF XOTAR'S FOURTH WEAPON!


HURTLING FORWARD, SUPERMAN GRIPS THE METAL LEGS OF THE MIGHTY ROBOT!
XOTAR TURNED THE ILLUSION-MAKER FROM THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS IN AN ATTEMPT TO HIT BATMAN AND ME--BUT HE WAS TOO LATE!


HIGH INTO THE ATMOSPHERE THE MAN OF STEEL LIFTS THE GIGANTIC ROBOT...
I FIGURED SUPERMAN WAS TRAVELING IN TIME...THE ONLY MEDIUM OUR ALARM SIGNAL CANNOT TRAVEL THROUGH..!AFTER TRACKING HIM DOWN...WE RUSHED HERE--JUST IN TIME!

TURNING IN THE STRATOSPHERE, SUPERMAN BEGINS HIS POWER-DIVE--HEAD FIRST! FASTER AND FASTER HE GOES UNTIL THE WIND IS A LONG SCREAM IN HIS EARS...

HALF-WAY INTO THE GROUND PLUNGES THE ROBOT...

SECONDS LATER, SUPERMAN'S MIGHTY FINGERS CRUSH THE ILLUSION-MAKER WEAPON TO POWDER...

SMASHING HIS WAY INTO THE ROBOT, SUPERMAN ADJUSTS THE TIME-CONTROLS, THEN...
I'M LOCKING THE CONTROLS, TO PREVENT YOU FROM EVER RETURNING TO OUR TIME! IN A MOMENT, I'LL LEAVE... AND YOU AND THE ROBOT WILL TIME-TRAVEL BACK TO YOUR OWN ERA!
A MOMENT LATER... 10,000 YEARS IN THE FUTURE...
THE INTERSOLAR POLICE HAVE BROKEN INTO MY HIDEOUT!...I MUST SURRENDER!
AS PRISONER XOTAR IS LED AWAY...
I...I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! WONDER WOMAN'S MEMOIRS SAID I HAD DEFEATED THE JUSTICE LEAGUE! WHAT WENT WRONG?
the four weapons one of used by XOTAR to defeat the Justice League of America
AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE SECRET HEADQUARTERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE...
WONDER WOMAN, DON'T FORGET TO WRITE UP OUR ADVENTURE WITH XOTAR!
I'M BEGINNING IT RIGHT NOW, FLASH!
AND THE TRUE VERSION OF WHAT WONDER WOMAN WRITES IS...
the Illusion-Maker was one of the four weapons used by XOTAR in his unsuccessful attempt to defeat the Justice League of America
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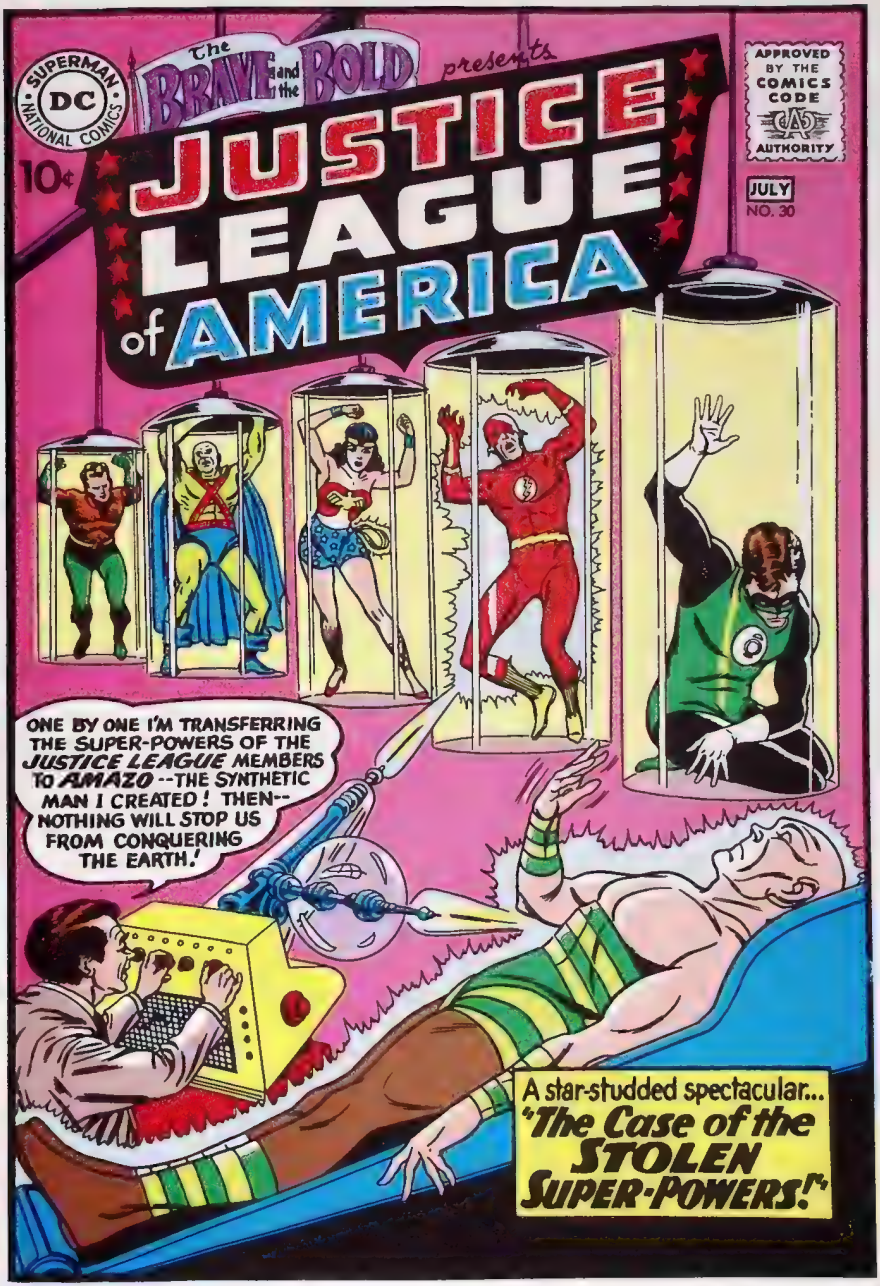
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ONE BY ONE I'M TRANSFERRING THE SUPER-POWERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS TO AMAZO --THE SYNTHETIC MAN I CREATED! THEN--NOTHING WILL STOP US FROM CONQUERING THE EARTH!
A star-studded spectacular...
"The Case of the STOLEN SUPER-POWERS!"

JUSTICE LEAGUE of AMERICA
NOW THAT WE'VE ROBBED THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS OF THEIR SUPER-POWERS, AMAZO, COMMAND THEM...THROUGH GREEN LANTERN'S POWER RING... TO FORGET ALL ABOUT US...TO PREVENT THEM FROM THREATENING US AGAIN!
THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA... ENEMIES OF EVIL! MASTERS OF A MILLION MENACES TO MANKIND! IT MATTERS NOT IF A THREAT COMES FROM THE OCEANS... OR FROM THE UTTER COLD OF OUTER SPACE... OR FROM THE HEARTS OF MEN! IF IT IS EVIL--THE JUSTICE LEAGUE IS PLEDGED TO ELI.. INATE IT! UNITED IN ACTION, FIRM IN PURPOSE, THE GREATEST HEROES OF OUR TIME ONCE AGAIN HURTLE INTO COMBAT IN...
Roll Call
FLASH · GREEN LANTERN · WONDER WOMAN
AQUAMAN · JONN J'ONZZ · SUPERMAN · BATMAN
CASE OF THE STOLEN SUPER-POWERS!

AT HIGH NOON, A HUMAN COMET STREAKS ACROSS THE STREETS OF CENTRAL CITY...
THAT BEAM OF LIGHT FLASHING DOWN AT THE CENTRAL CITY BANK! THE MIRROR MASTER IS CARRYING OUT HIS THREAT TO DESTROY IT!
THE AMAZING SPEED OF THE FLASH ENABLES HIM TO RACE STRAIGHT UP THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING...
WHEN THE LOCAL BANKS REFUSED TO "BUY PROTECTION" FROM THE VILLAINOUS MIRROR MASTER, HE THREATENED TO DESTROY THEM ONE BY ONE--BUT MY SUPER-SPEED WILL ENABLE ME TO REACH AND CAPTURE HIM BEFORE HE BLASTS THE FIRST ONE!
THEN--WITH SHOCKING SUDDENNESS--HIS SUPER-SPEED DESERTS THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE... AND HE PLUMMETS TOWARD THE GROUND FIFTY STORIES BELOW!
I'LL HIT THE GROUND SO HARD--I'LL BE DONE FOR!
ALMOST AS SUDDENLY, FLASH FEELS HIS GREAT POWER RETURN--AND BY VIBRATING HIS ARMS AT CLOSE TO LIGHT-SPEED, BUILDS UP A CUSHION OF AIR ON WHICH TO LAND SAFELY...
WHY DID MY SUPER-SPEED FAIL ME? IT NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE!
A MOMENT LATER, HE AGAIN RACES STRAIGHT UP THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING AND COMES TO GRIPS WITH HIS OLD NEMESIS...
THE FLASH... HAS DEFEATED ME AGAIN!
I'D HAVE BEEN HERE SOONER... BUT THERE WAS A SLIGHT DELAY!
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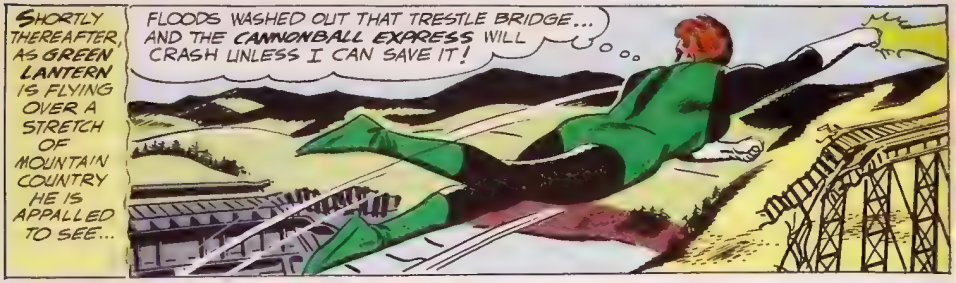
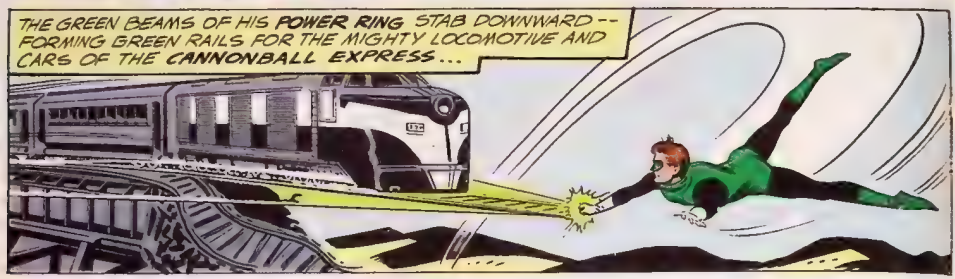
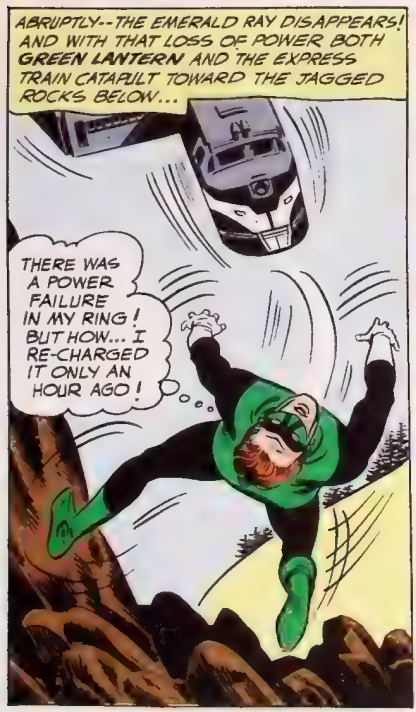
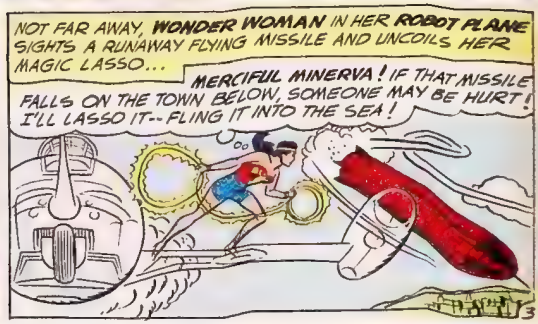
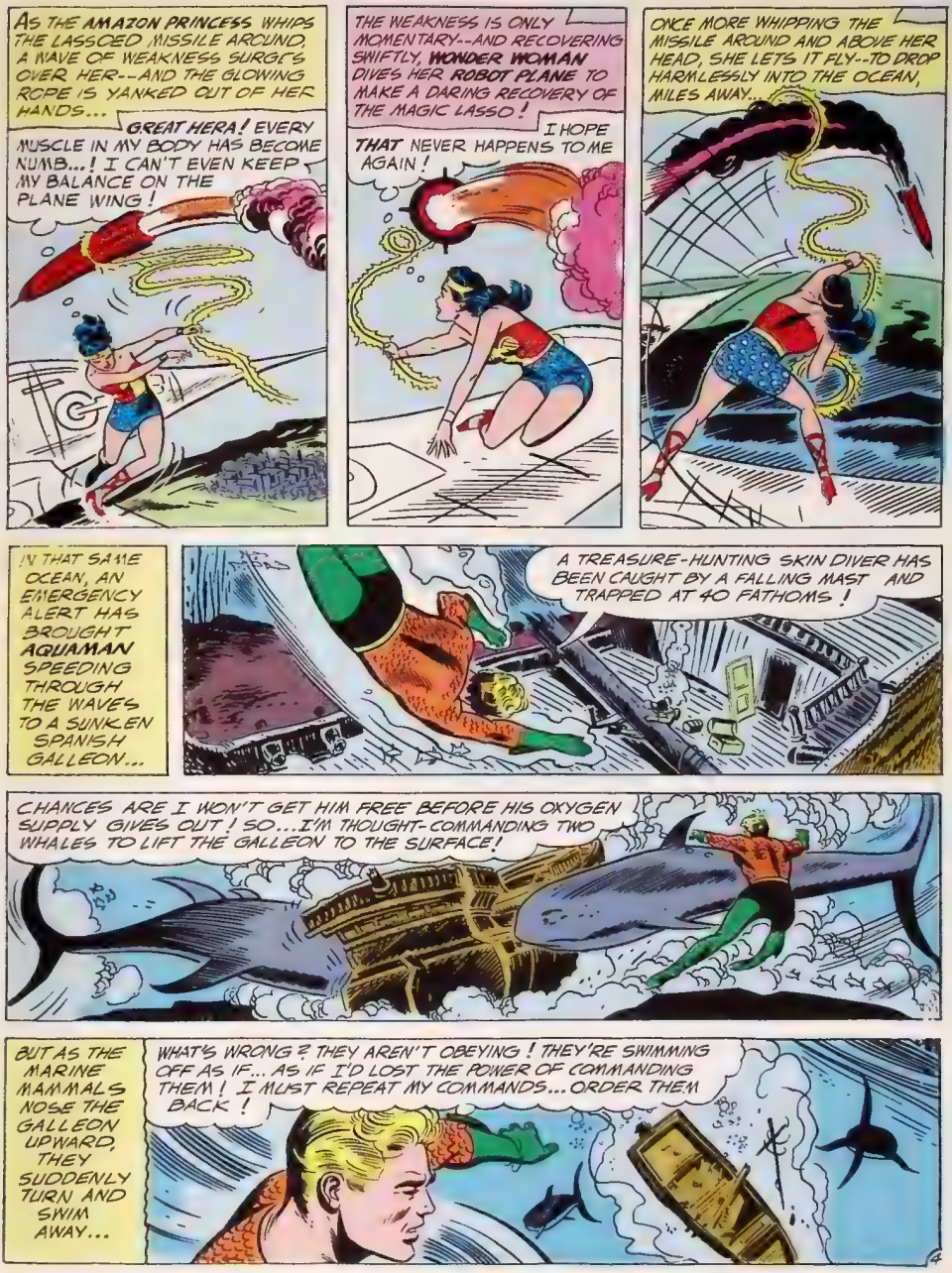

SHORTLY THEREAFTER, AS GREEN LANTERN IS FLYING OVER A STRETCH OF MOUNTAIN COUNTRY HE IS APPALLED TO SEE...
FLOODS WASHED OUT THAT TRESTLE BRIDGE... AND THE CANNONBALL EXPRESS WILL CRASH UNLESS I CAN SAVE IT!

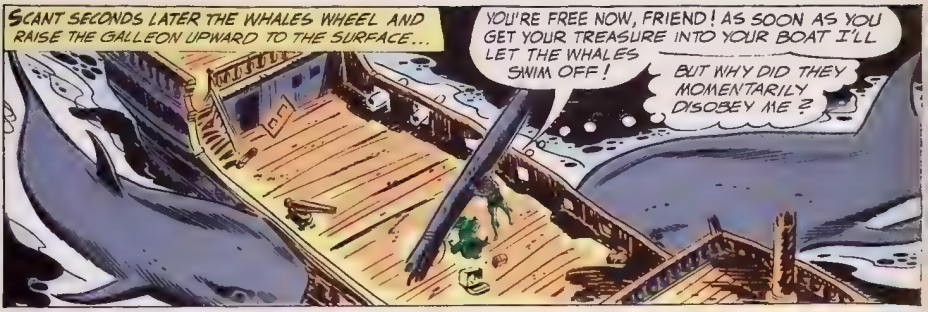

THE GREEN BEAMS OF HIS POWER RING STAB DOWNWARD -- FORMING GREEN RAILS FOR THE MIGHTY LOCOMOTIVE AND CARS OF THE CANNONBALL EXPRESS...

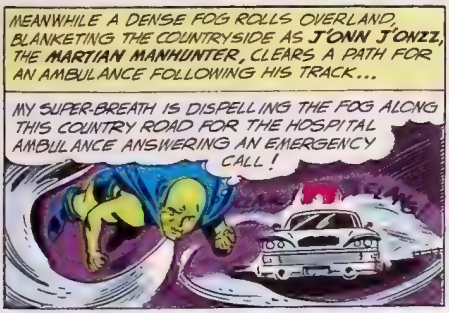

ABRUPTLY--THE EMERALD RAY DISAPPEARS! AND WITH THAT LOSS OF POWER BOTH GREEN LANTERN AND THE EXPRESS TRAIN CATAPULT TOWARD THE JAGGED ROCKS BELOW...
THERE WAS A POWER FAILURE IN MY RING! BUT HOW... I RE-CHARGED IT ONLY AN HOUR AGO!

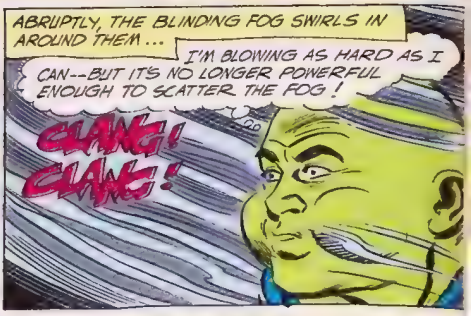
AS SUDDENLY AS IT FAILED, THE LANTERN RING FLARES BACK TO VERDANT LIFE! GREEN LANTERN BREAKS HIS FALL AND REBUILDS THE TWIN GREEN RAILS FOR THE TRAIN TO CONTINUE SAFELY ON ITS WAY...
Whew!: JUST IN TIME, TOO! I'LL REPORT THE BRIDGE BREAK. THEN TRY AND LEARN WHY MY RING SHORT-CIRCUITED FOR A FEW SECONDS!

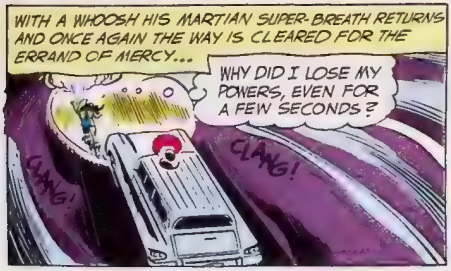

NOT FAR AWAY, WONDER WOMAN IN HER ROBOT PLANE SIGHTS A RUNAWAY FLYING MISSILE AND UNCOILS HER MAGIC LASSO...
MERCIFUL MINERVA! IF THAT MISSILE FALLS ON THE TOWN BELOW, SOMEONE MAY BE HURT! I'LL LASSO IT-- FLING IT INTO THE SEA!

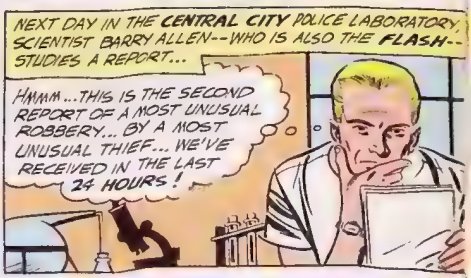

AS THE AMAZON PRINCESS WHIPS THE LASSOED MISSILE AROUND, A WAVE OF WEAKNESS SURGES OVER HER--AND THE GLOWING ROPE IS YANKED OUT OF HER HANDS...
GREAT HERA! EVERY MUSCLE IN MY BODY HAS BECOME NUMB...! I CAN'T EVEN KEEP MY BALANCE ON THE PLANE WING!
THE WEAKNESS IS ONLY MOMENTARY--AND RECOVERING SWIFTLY, WONDER WOMAN DIVES HER ROBOT PLANE TO MAKE A DARING RECOVERY OF THE MAGIC LASSO!
I HOPE THAT NEVER HAPPENS TO ME AGAIN!
ONCE MORE WHIPPING THE MISSILE AROUND AND ABOVE HER HEAD, SHE LETS IT FLY--TO DROP HARMLESSLY INTO THE OCEAN, MILES AWAY...
IN THAT SAME OCEAN, AN EMERGENCY ALERT HAS BROUGHT AQUAMAN SPEEDING THROUGH THE WAVES TO A SUNKEN SPANISH GALLEON...
A TREASURE-HUNTING SKIN DIVER HAS BEEN CAUGHT BY A FALLING MAST AND TRAPPED AT 40 FATHOMS!
CHANCES ARE I WON'T GET HIM FREE BEFORE HIS OXYGEN SUPPLY GIVES OUT! SO...I'M THOUGHT-COMMANDING TWO WHALES TO LIFT THE GALLEON TO THE SURFACE!
BUT AS THE MARINE MAMMALS NOSE THE GALLEON UPWARD, THEY SUDDENLY TURN AND SWIM AWAY...
WHAT'S WRONG? THEY AREN'T OBEYING! THEY'RE SWIMMING OFF AS IF... AS IF I'D LOST THE POWER OF COMMANDING THEM! I MUST REPEAT MY COMMANDS... ORDER THEM BACK!


SCANT SECONDS LATER THE WHALES WHEEL AND RAISE THE GALLEON UPWARD TO THE SURFACE...
YOU'RE FREE NOW, FRIEND! AS SOON AS YOU GET YOUR TREASURE INTO YOUR BOAT I'LL LET THE WHALES SWIM OFF!
BUT WHY DID THEY MOMENTARILY DISOBEY ME?


MEANWHILE A DENSE FOG ROLLS OVERLAND, BLANKETING THE COUNTRYSIDE AS J'ONN J'ONZZ, THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER, CLEARS A PATH FOR AN AMBULANCE FOLLOWING HIS TRACK...
MY SUPER-BREATH IS DISPELLING THE FOG ALONG THIS COUNTRY ROAD FOR THE HOSPITAL AMBULANCE ANSWERING AN EMERGENCY CALL!


ABRUPTLY, THE BLINDING FOG SWIRLS IN AROUND THEM...
I'M BLOWING AS HARD AS I CAN--BUT IT'S NO LONGER POWERFUL ENOUGH TO SCATTER THE FOG!
CLANG! CLANG!


WITH A WHOOSH HIS MARTIAN SUPER-BREATH RETURNS AND ONCE AGAIN THE WAY IS CLEARED FOR THE ERRAND OF MERCY...
WHY DID I LOSE MY POWERS, EVEN FOR A FEW SECONDS?
CLANG!
CLANG!


NEXT DAY IN THE CENTRAL CITY POLICE LABORATORY, SCIENTIST BARRY ALLEN--WHO IS ALSO THE FLASH--STUDIES A REPORT...
HMMM...THIS IS THE SECOND REPORT OF A MOST UNUSUAL ROBBERY... BY A MOST UNUSUAL THIEF... WE'VE RECEIVED IN THE LAST 24 HOURS!

WITH A SECRET SIGNALING DEVICE HE WEARS AS THE FLASH, HE SENDS A CALL TO ARMS OUT ACROSS THE VALLEYS AND THE MOUNTAINS, THE LAKES AND RIVERS OF AMERICA...
THIS IS A CASE FOR THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA TO DEAL WITH!

SHORTLY, IN THE SECRET HEADQUARTERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, THE FLASH MAKES HIS REPORT...
I'VE CALLED YOU TOGETHER TO BRING YOUR ATTENTION TO TWO CURIOUS ROBBERIES COMMITTED BY AN AMAZING THIEF!
"IN THE FIRST ROBBERY THE THIEF ENTERED A PRIVATE AQUARIUM IN FRANCE TO STEAL A EUROPEAN CATFISH--BY USING A GREEN RAY TO SLICE THROUGH THE WALLS..."
A GREEN RAY? WHY THAT SOUNDS LIKE, THE WORK OF MY POWER RING!
"THE THIEF THEN LIFTED THE AQUARIUM--AN INCREDIBLE FEAT OF STRENGTH, FOR THE EUROPEAN CATFISH IS ABOUT TEN FEET LONG AND WEIGHS 400 POUNDS..."
TO PERFORM SUCH A FEAT WOULD REQUIRE MY MARTIAN SUPER-STRENGTH!
"THEN HE RACED WITH MY SPEED OVER THE OCEAN WAVES--USING THE BACKS OF LIVING FISH AS STEPPING STONES..."
IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE WHO CAN COMMAND THE DENIZENS OF THE DEEP?
"THE SECOND ROBBERY--AT AN ENTOMOLOGIST'S LABORATORY--WAS PERFORMED WITH A GLOWING LARIAT WHICH CAUGHT UP A MESH CAGE HOLDING A CICADA INSECT..."
DOES A DUPLICATE OF MY MAGIC LASSO EXIST?
MY THEORY IS THAT DURING THOSE BRIEF INTERVALS WHEN OUR SUPER-POWERS FAILED, SOMEONE STOLE THEM! BUT WHY? OF WHAT USE TO ANYONE IS A EUROPEAN CATFISH OR A CICADA INSECT?
I THINK I CAN CLUE YOU IN ON THAT, FLASH!
SNAP!
SNAP!

AS SNAPPER CARR... HONORARY MEMBER OF THE JLA... TAKES THE FLOOR...
I'M BATTING OUT A TERM PAPER ON THE LIFE SPAN OF ANIMALS! ACCORDING TO MY RESEARCH THE EUROPEAN CATFISH LIVES LONGER THAN ANY OTHER FISH... ABOUT 60 YEARS! THE CICADA... WITH A LIFE SPAN OF 17 YEARS... IS THE METHUSELAH OF THE INSECT KINGDOM...
NICE WORK, SNAPPER! PERHAPS SOMEONE INTENDS TO ANALYZE THE MYSTERIOUS SUBSTANCE WHICH GIVES N'ATURE'S CREATURES LONG LIFE--IN ORDER TO CONCOCT AN IMMORTALITY ELIXIR!
IT'S ALL WE'VE GOT TO GO ON! INCIDENTALLY, I FIGURE MY SUPER-POWERS WEREN'T ROBBED BECAUSE ONLY KRYPTONITE CAN WEAKEN ME!
AND I HAVE NO SUPER-POWERS TO STEAL!
MOMENTS LATER, FLASH HAS COMPILED A LIST OF THE LONGEST-LIVING MEMBERS OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM..
THE OLDEST LIVING MAN IS A RESIDENT OF PERU! WONDER WOMAN, YOU'LL GUARD HIM!
I KNOW ABOUT THE OLDEST LIVING REPTILE! A TORTOISE... ABOUT 250 YEARS OLD!
THE WHALE LIVES 100 YEARS, MAKING IT THE OLDEST LIVING WATER MAMMAL! MY ASSIGNMENT IS TO FIND IT AND PROTECT IT!
THE OLDEST LIVING NON-HUMAN LAND ANIMAL IS AN ELEPHANT WHO LIVES ABOUT 100 YEARS! I'LL HEAD FOR AFRICA TO GUARD IT!
WE'LL GUARD THE WORLD'S OLDEST BIRD, J'ONN J'ONZZ--A 68-YEAR-OLD OWL!
A PLEASURE, FLASH! IT'LL BE THE FIRST TIME WE'VE EVER TEAMED UP TOGETHER!
SOON, ONLY SNAPPER CARR REMAINS IN THE SECRET SANCTUARY
THEY'LL BEAM ME IN ON WHAT HAPPENS! I'LL BE COUNTING THE TICKS TILL I HEAR FROM THEM!
SNAP
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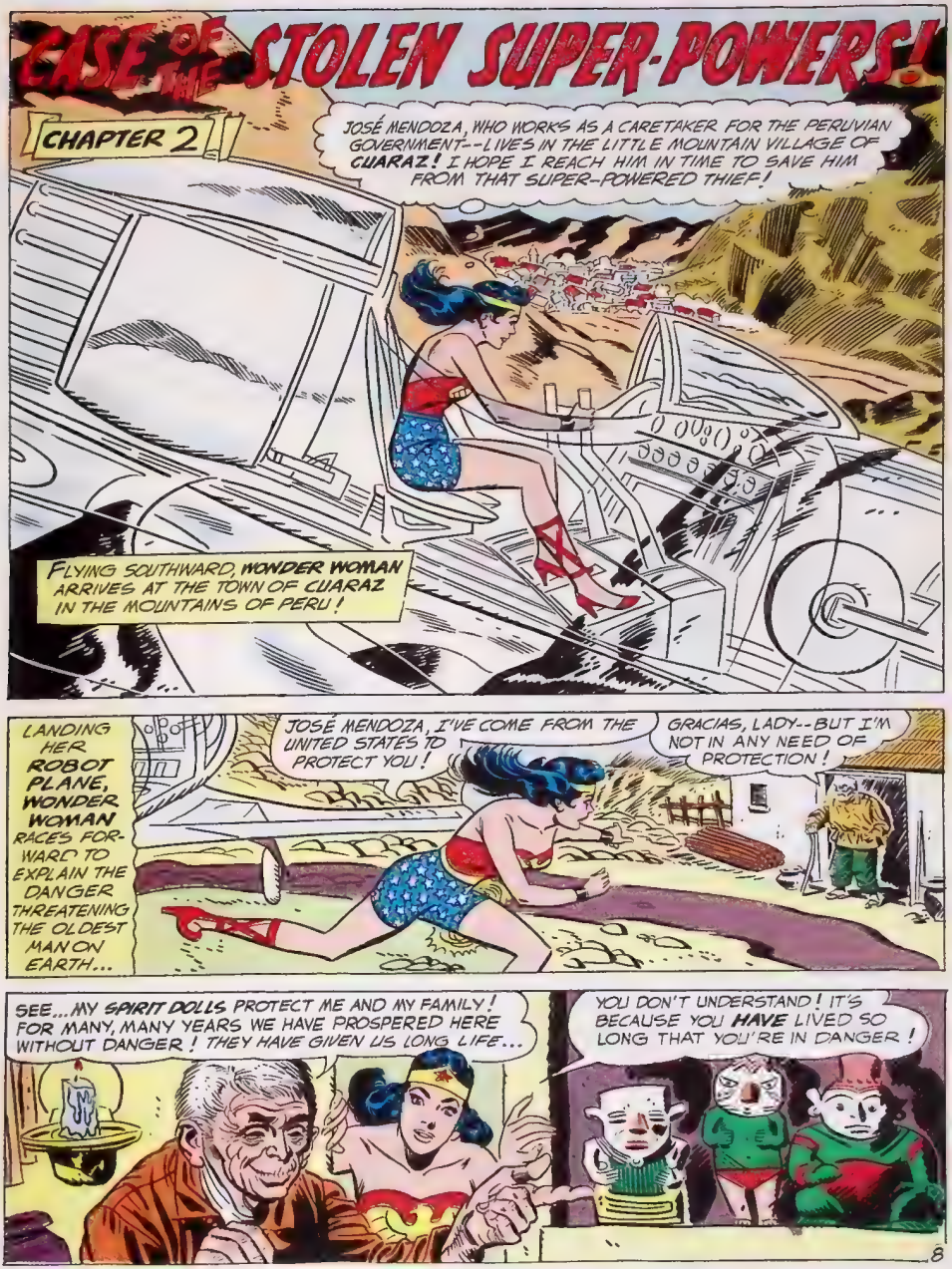
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CHAPTER 2
JOSÉ MENDOZA, WHO WORKS AS A CARETAKER FOR THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT--LIVES IN THE LITTLE MOUNTAIN VILLAGE OF CUARAZ! I HOPE I REACH HIM IN TIME TO SAVE HIM FROM THAT SUPER-POWERED THIEF!
FLYING SOUTHWARD, WONDER WOMAN ARRIVES AT THE TOWN OF CUARAZ IN THE MOUNTAINS OF PERU!
LANDING HER ROBOT PLANE, WONDER WOMAN RACES FORWARD TO EXPLAIN THE DANGER THREATENING THE OLDEST MAN ON EARTH...
JOSÉ MENDOZA, I'VE COME FROM THE UNITED STATES TO PROTECT YOU!
GRACIAS, LADY--BUT I'M NOT IN ANY NEED OF PROTECTION!
SEE...MY SPIRIT DOLLS PROTECT ME AND MY FAMILY! FOR MANY, MANY YEARS WE HAVE PROSPERED HERE WITHOUT DANGER! THEY HAVE GIVEN US LONG LIFE...
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! IT'S BECAUSE YOU HAVE LIVED SO LONG THAT YOU'RE IN DANGER!
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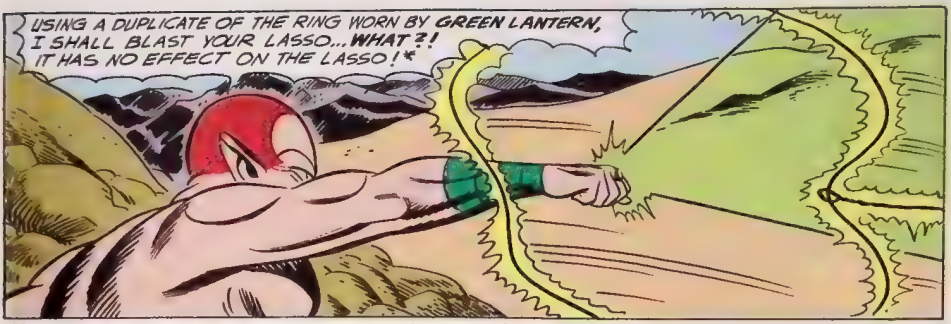
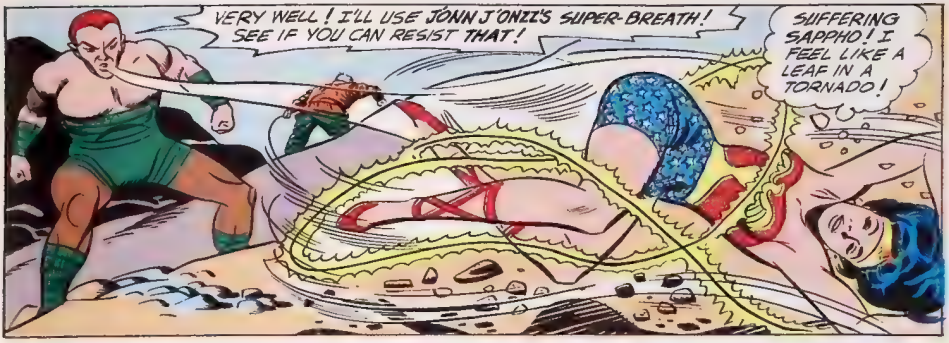
WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE SOMEONE WILL ATTEMPT TO STEAL YOU AWAY... IN ORDER TO LEARN THE SECRET OF THE MYSTERIOUS SUBSTANCE THAT HAS PROLONGED YOUR EXTRAORDINARY LIFE...
IT IS YOU WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND! PLEASE, COME AND MEET MY FAMILY! THEN YOU WILL REALIZE HOW POWERFUL MY SPIRIT DOLLS ARE!
MEET MY SON, 110 YEARS OLD-- MY GRANDSON, 90 --MY GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER, 65--MY GREAT-GREAT-GRANDSON, 40--AND MY GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GRANDSON, AGE 12! WHAT CAN YOU DO THAT MY SPIRIT DOLLS HAVE NOT DONE?
HMMM...
IT IS TIME FOR ME TO GO TO WORK, CARING FOR THE PERUVIAN ARCHEOLOGICAL TREASURES!
HE IS OBSTINATE... ALL I CAN DO IS STAY CLOSE TO HIM.. WAIT FOR DANGER TO STRIKE...
AS THE OLDEST LIVING MAN AND WONDER WOMAN ARRIVE ON THE PEAK OF THE CORDILLERAS...
WHAT IS THAT SOUND?
MERCIFUL MINERVA! IT MUST BE THE THIEF... USING THE STOLEN SUPER-SPEED OF THE FLASH... BREAKING THROUGH THE SOUND BARRIER AS HE ARRIVES HERE!
ZIGGG
THEN, AS A STRANGELY COSTUMED FIGURE COMES INTO VIEW...
HE IS SLOWING DOWN TO CATCH JOSÉ--THIS IS MY CHANCE TO SNARE HIM WITH MY MAGIC LASSO!
IN THAT MOMENT THE AMAZING AMAZON CASTS HER GOLDEN LASSO...
FOOLISH WOMAN! I AM AMAZO! YOU CANNOT CONQUER ME! NOTHING CAN CONQUER THE ONE WHO BOASTS ALL THE SUPER-POWERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!

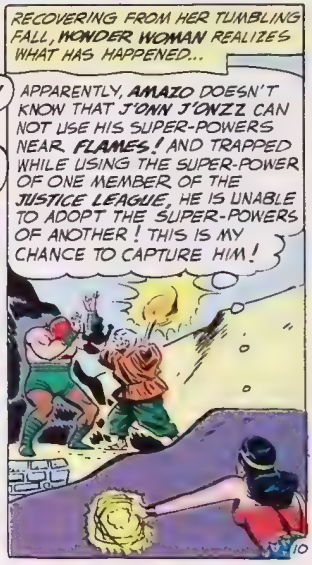


*Editor's Note: UNKNOWN TO AMAZO, GREEN LANTERN'S RING IS POWERLESS AGAINST ANYTHING COLORED YELLOW!



I AM THE MOST POWERFUL CREATURE IN THE UNIVERSE, CREATED BY THE GREAT PROFESSOR IVO TO SERVE HIM... AND ASSIST HIM IN HIS CONQUEST OF EARTH!

THE BOASTFUL VOICE OF AMAZO SUDDENLY CRACKS AS HE TURNS TO SEE...
UGGH...GROWING WEAK...! I AM LOSING J'ONN J'ONZZ'S SUPER-POWERS...
SPIRIT DOLL! PROTECT ME! OVERCOME THIS EVIL ONE WHO WOULD HARM ME!


RECOVERING FROM HER TUMBLING FALL, WONDER WOMAN REALIZES WHAT HAS HAPPENED...
APPARENTLY, AMAZO DOESN'T KNOW THAT J'ONN J'ONZZ CAN NOT USE HIS SUPER-POWERS NEAR FLAMES! AND TRAPPED WHILE USING THE SUPER-POWER OF ONE MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE, HE IS UNABLE TO ADOPT THE SUPER-POWERS OF ANOTHER! THIS IS MY CHANCE TO CAPTURE HIM!

AS WONDER WOMAN CATAPULTS FORWARD SHE IS STARTLED TO SEE...
THE SPIRIT DOLL HAS WEAKENED HIM AS I KNEW IT WOULD! NOW--WHEN I EXTINGUISH THE FLAME OF THE SPIRIT TORCH IN SACRED WATER--HE WILL BE DESTROYED!
NO, JOSÉ--NO! IT'S THE FLAMES WHICH WEAKEN HIM...NOT THE DOLL! DON'T PUT THEM OUT!
AS THE TORCHFIRE SIZZLES OUT IN THE WATER, AMAZO SHAKES OFF HIS WEAKNESS...
MY SPIRIT DOLL HAS FAILED ME!
SSSSSS
RASH HUMANS! THIS IS NO LONGER A GAME! I MUST HURRY BACK TO PROFESSOR IVO WITH BOTH OF YOU!
THE VERDANT BEAM OF THE MIGHTY POWER-RING FORMS TWIN GIANT HANDS...ONE OF WHICH SEIZES OLD JOSÉ...
GRIP THE OLD MAN! HOLD HIM!
AND BEFORE THE AMAZON CAN TOSS HER LASSO, SHE TOO IS CAPTURED...
I CANNOT GET FREE! I'M CAUGHT AS IF--BY A HAND OF STEEL!
OVER LAND AND SEA AMAZO FLIES, BEARING BEFORE HIM HIS CAPTIVES...
PROFESSOR IVO SHALL TAKE AWAY WONDER WOMAN'S SUPER-POWER FOREVER!
I...I FAILED IN MY MISSION! I HOPE MY FELLOW MEMBERS HAVE BETTER LUCK!

CASE OF THE STOLEN SUPER-POWERS!
CHAPTER 3
THE OLDEST TORTOISE IN THE WORLD LIVES ON ONE OF THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS, GREEN LANTERN!
THAT'S WHERE WE'RE GOING, AQUAMAN! HOLD ON!
SKIMMING LIGHTLY ACROSS THE WAVE-CRESTS OF THE BROAD PACIFIC OCEAN ON WATER-SKI'S FORMED BY THE POWER RING OF GREEN LANTERN, GOES AQUAMAN! BOTH HE AND THE EMERALD WARRIOR REALIZE THEY FACE THE MIGHTIEST OPPONENT OF THEIR CRIME-FIGHTING CAREERS, FOR AMAZO HAS NOT ONE, BUT FIVE SUPER-POWERS!
SOON THEY STAND ON THE SHORES OF THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS, AN ARCHIPELAGO ON THE EQUATOR IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN...
"OLD IRONHEAD"... AS I CALL THE 250-YEAR-OLD TURTLE... LIVES HERE ON FERNANDINA ISLAND!
I'LL ENCASE THE ISLAND IN A FORCE-BUBBLE, SEALING IT OFF FROM THAT SUPER-THIEF!
FROM THE FAMED POWER RING LEAPS A BOLT OF FORCE WHICH QUICKLY EXPANDS TO SURROUND THE ISLAND...

FLYING OVER THE OCEAN WITH THE MARTIAN SUPER-POWER OF JOHN JONZZ COMES THE MIGHTY AMAZO...
MY SUPER-VISION REVEALS GREEN LANTERN AND AQUA-MAN ARRIVED AHEAD OF ME--BUT DO THEY REALLY HOPE TO KEEP ME OFF THAT ISLAND?
ZOOMING EARTHWARD FROM HIGH IN THE AIR HE HITS THE EMERALD SHIELD WITH TREMENDOUS IMPACT--AND BOUNCES OFF!
IT'S STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT! I'LL HAVE TO BLOW AWAY THE BUBBLE!
KWAM!
USING HIS MARTIAN SUPER-BREATH, AMAZO SENDS A TORNADO OF HIGH-VELOCITY WINDS AT THE PROTECTING BUBBLE!
THE FORCE-FIELD STILL RESISTS ME! I'VE GOT ANOTHER SUPER-POWERED IDEA...!
ON FEET WHICH ARE A BLUR BE-CAUSE THEY MOVE SO FAST, AMAZO HURTLES ACROSS THE WATERS OF THE PACIFIC...
I'LL VIBRATE MY BODY THROUGH THE BUBBLE--UTILIZING THE SUPER-SPEED OF THE FLASH!
ONCE AGAIN HE BOUNCES OFF THAT SEEMINGLY IMPENETRABLE BARRIER! NEXT, AMAZO ATTEMPTS TO CUT HIS WAY THROUGH WITH THE POWER OF GREEN LANTERN'S RING...
FAILED AGAIN! BUT I CAN'T LET GREEN LANTERN AND AQUAMAN STOP ME IN MY QUEST--FOR THE OLDEST LIVING TORTOISE! IT JUST STRUCK ME...THERE IS A FOOLPROOF WAY THROUGH THAT GREEN WALL!
MY POWER RING FAILED TO WORK AGAINST THE GOLDEN LASSO OF WONDER WOMAN! BY COATING MYSELF WITH GOLD, GREEN LANTERN'S RING WOULD BE POWERLESS TO STOP ME!
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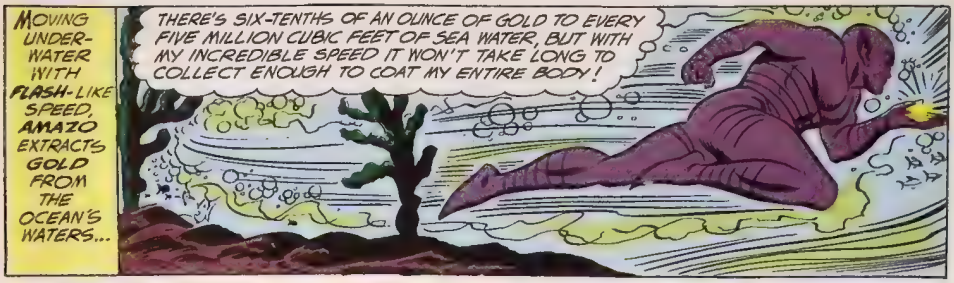
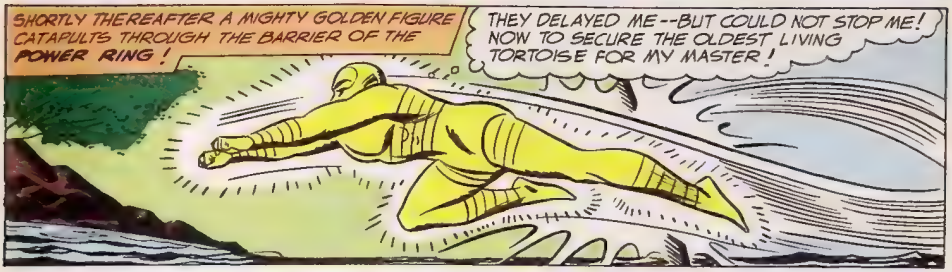
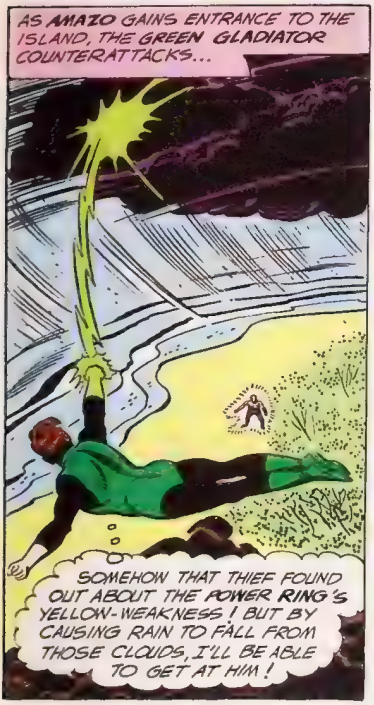
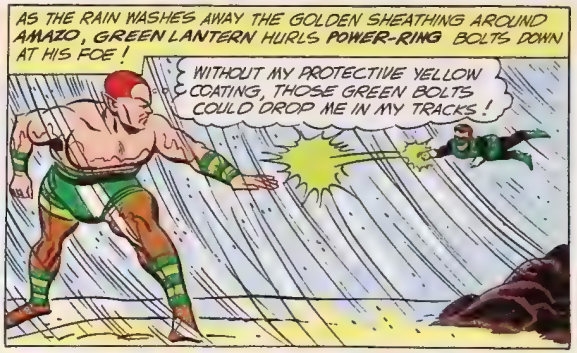
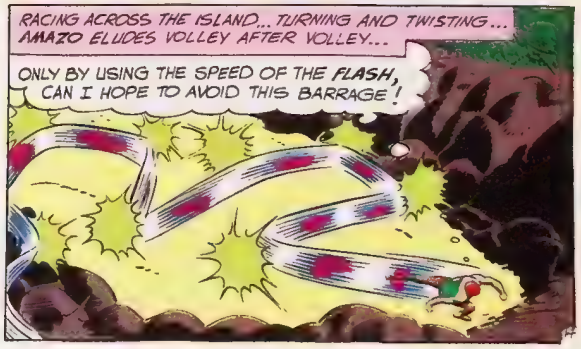

MOVING UNDER-WATER WITH FLASH-LIKE SPEED, AMAZO EXTRACTS GOLD FROM THE OCEAN'S WATERS...
THERE'S SIX-TENTHS OF AN OUNCE OF GOLD TO EVERY FIVE MILLION CUBIC FEET OF SEA WATER, BUT WITH MY INCREDIBLE SPEED IT WON'T TAKE LONG TO COLLECT ENOUGH TO COAT MY ENTIRE BODY!


SHORTLY THEREAFTER A MIGHTY GOLDEN FIGURE CATAPULTS THROUGH THE BARRIER OF THE POWER RING!
THEY DELAYED ME--BUT COULD NOT STOP ME! NOW TO SECURE THE OLDEST LIVING TORTOISE FOR MY MASTER!


AS AMAZO GAINS ENTRANCE TO THE ISLAND, THE GREEN GLADIATOR COUNTERATTACKS...
SOMEHOW THAT THIEF FOUND OUT ABOUT THE POWER RING'S YELLOW-WEAKNESS! BUT BY CAUSING RAIN TO FALL FROM THOSE CLOUDS, I'LL BE ABLE TO GET AT HIM!


AS THE RAIN WASHES AWAY THE GOLDEN SHEATHING AROUND AMAZO, GREEN LANTERN HURLS POWER-RING BOLTS DOWN AT HIS FOE!
WITHOUT MY PROTECTIVE YELLOW COATING, THOSE GREEN BOLTS COULD DROP ME IN MY TRACKS!


RACING ACROSS THE ISLAND... TURNING AND TWISTING... AMAZO ELUDES VOLLEY AFTER VOLLEY...
ONLY BY USING THE SPEED OF THE FLASH, CAN I HOPE TO AVOID THIS BARRAGE!

WHILE AMAZO IS KEPT BUSY, AQUAMAN SEIZES "OLD IRONHEAD" AND TAKES TO THE SEA...
WE'LL HIDE, OLD FELLA... IN A PLACE WHERE I FIGURE AMAZO WON'T BE ABLE TO FIND US!
RACING ALONG THE SEASHORE, AMAZO GATHERS HANDFULS OF BRIGHT YELLOW SANDS AND TOSSING THEM HIGH, BLOWS THEM UPWARD WITH HIS SUPER-BREATH...
BY SENDING A YELLOW SAND-STORM AT GREEN LANTERN, I'LL AGAIN NEUTRALIZE THE POWER OF HIS RING!
FASTER AND FASTER THE YELLOW GRAINS SWIRL AROUND THE EMERALD WARRIOR, TRAPPING HIM...
CAN'T BLAST MY WAY THROUGH...; GOOP; GETTING HARDER TO BREATHE... GOING TO PASS OUT...
REALIZING HIS OPPONENT'S HELPLESSNESS, AMAZO ATTACKS... BLOWING AWAY THE YELLOW SANDS... FIRING HIS POWER RING AT THE DAZED JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBER...
I'LL ENCASE GREEN LANTERN IN A POWER-ROCKET AND SEND HIM TO PROFESSOR IVO!
STILL DAZED--STUNNED INTO INSENSIBILITY... THE GREEN GLADIATOR FALLS EASY PREY TO THE DUPLICATE OF HIS OWN POWER RING!
NOW FOR AQUAMAN AND THE OLDEST LIVING TORTOISE IN THE WORLD!
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USING THE MARTIAN SUPER-VISION OF J'ONN JONZZ, AMAZO SCANS THE ISLAND AND THE SEA, UNTIL...
SO! AQUAMAN HAS HIDDEN THE TORTOISE IN AN UNDERWATER CAVE!
AT AMAZO'S APPROACH, AQUAMAN SWIMS ABOUT IN SWIFT CIRCLES, CREATING A MIGHTY WHIRLPOOL BEFORE THE SUBMARINE CAVE...
WHY EXHAUST MYSELF IN THAT WHIRL-POOL... WHEN I CAN "FISH" OUT MY GAME?
FROM THE GREAT POWER-LINE SPRINGS A MIGHTY FISHING ROD! DEEP INTO THE RUSH OF WATER GOES HIS LINE...
AH! I'VE HOOKED THEM BOTH! NOW TO "REEL" THEM IN!
STRUGGLING EVERY INCH OF THE WAY AQUAMAN AND THE ANCIENT TORTOISE ARE RAISED UPWARD...
ENCASING BOTH AQUAMAN AND "OLD IRONHEAD" IN GREEN-ENERGY ROCKETS, AMAZO SENDS THEM BOTH HURTLING TOWARD PROFESSOR IVO!
NOW TO TACKLE MY NEXT ASSIGNMENT... STEALING THE WORLD'S OLDEST LIVING BIRD!
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CASE OF THE STOLEN SUPER-POWERS!
CHAPTER 4
I'LL GUARD THE OWL IN THAT AVIARY BY RACING AROUND THE BUILDING, J'ONN JONZZ!
GOOD IDEA, FLASH! I'LL FLY BACK AND FORTH IN THE AIR TO GUARD AGAINST ANY APPROACH FROM ABOVE!
MONKEY HOUSE
AVIARY
BY LAND AND BY AIR, FLASH AND J'ONN J'ONZZ RACE ACROSS COUNTRY TO THE MUNICIPAL ZOO IN A MIDWESTERN CITY! HERE LIVES A 68-YEAR-OLD OWL... THE OLDEST KNOWN BIRD ON EARTH...AND THE QUARRY OF THAT MOST MENACING OF ALL THE ENEMIES OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE... AMAZO!
AS THE TWO MIGHTY JLA MEMBERS TAKE UP THEIR WATCH, THE ZOO BUILDING IS SUDDENLY ROCKED TO ITS FOUNDATIONS...
WHAT'S HAPPENING... AN EARTHQUAKE?
TO FLASH'S STUNNED AMAZEMENT--UP FROM THE GROUND THROUGH WHICH HE HAS BURROWED WITH SUPER-SPEED, COMES AMAZO--LIFTING THE AVIARY UP INTO THE AIR...
WHEN I SAW GUARDS POSTED ON THE GROUND AND IN THE AIR...I PLANNED MY SNEAK ATTACK FROM UNDER GROUND!

LIKE A HAWK PLUMMETING TOWARD A FOWL, J'ONN J'ONZZ ROCKETS TOWARD THE ASTOUNDING ANDROID. AND WITH HIS MARTIAN SUPER-BREATH STOPS AMAZO'S SKYWARD FLIGHT!
I CAN'T FORCE AMAZO EARTHWARD! WE'VE REACHED A STALEMATE!
I CAN'T MOVE AGAINST SUCH A WIND!
SUDDENLY, AMAZO RELEASES HIS GRIP ON THE AVIARY... WHICH PLUNGES DOWNWARD...
I'LL COUNTERACT THE MARTIAN'S SUPER-BREATH BY DROPPING THE BIRD-HOUSE! AND AS J'ONN J'ONZZ MOVES TO SAVE THE BUILDING FROM CRASHING...
WHILE THE UNWARY MARTIAN MANHUNTER HURTLES TOWARD THE RESCUE, AMAZO UNCOILS HIS DUPLICATE OF THE WONDER WOMAN LARIAT...
HE FELL FOR MY TRICK! WHILE HIS ATTENTION IS DISTRACTED, I'LL USE THE GOLDEN LASSO ON HIM!
LIKE A GOLDEN SNAKE THE LARIAT WHIPS THROUGH THE AIR AND CLOSES AROUND J'ONN J'ONZZ!
UHH!
EXERTING THE FULL POWER OF HIS TITANIC STRENGTH, THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER WRESTLES FURIOUSLY AGAINST THE TIGHTENING ROPE...
C-CAN'T BREAK LOOSE!

AROUND AND AROUND IN A MIGHTY CIRCLE AT EVER-INCREASING SPEED, J'ONN J'ONZZ IS WHIPPED ABOUT...
ABRUPTLY AMAZO RELEASES HIS PRISONER AND THE MARTIAN TUMBLES HELPLESSLY THROUGH THE AIR...
NOW TO PUT THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON MY DAZED FOE BY USING GREEN LANTERN'S POWER RING ON HIM!
ENCASED SECURELY IN THE POWER-ROCKET, HE'S HELPLESS! NOW I'LL SEND HIM ON TO PROFESSOR IVO!
MEANWHILE, FAR BELOW, THE FLASH HAS BEEN RACING IN SPEEDY CIRCLES BENEATH THE FALLING BUILDING...
BY RUNNING AT CLOSE-TO-LIGHT-SPEED I FORM AN UP-DRAFT, WHICH SLOWS DOWN THE FALL OF THE AVIARY TO THE GROUND!
FLASH
GRADUALLY SLOWING HIS SPEED, HE REGULATES THE MAN-MADE WHIRLWINDS SO THAT THE BIRD-HOUSE SETTLES SOFTLY TO THE GROUND...
NOW THAT THE BUILDING'S SAFE, I'LL CONCENTRATE ON PROTECTING THAT AGED OWL INSIDE IT!
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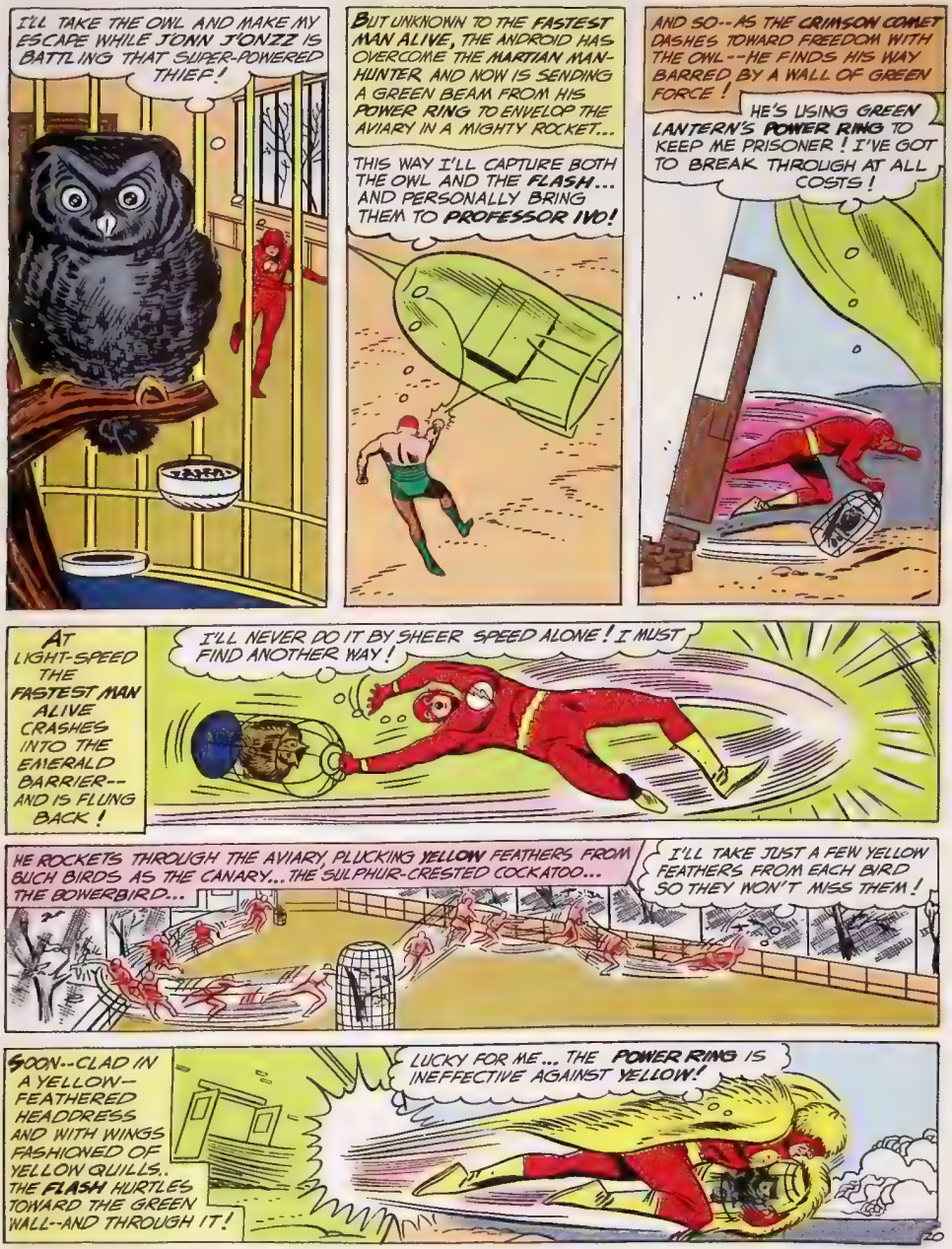
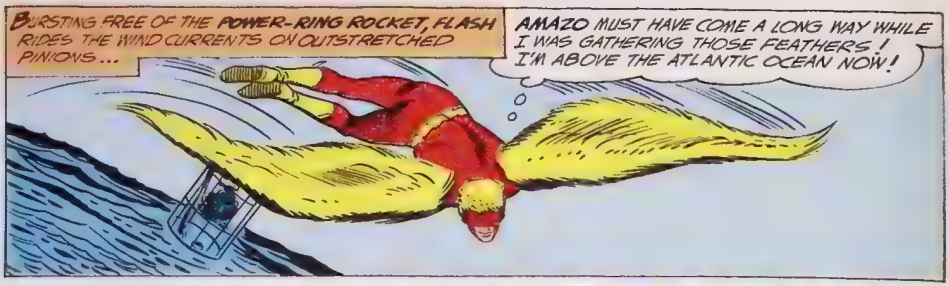
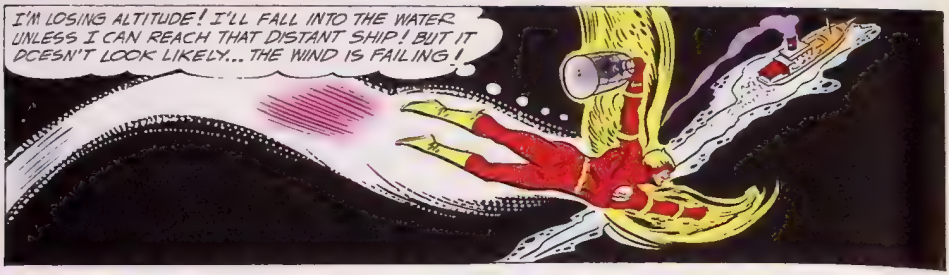
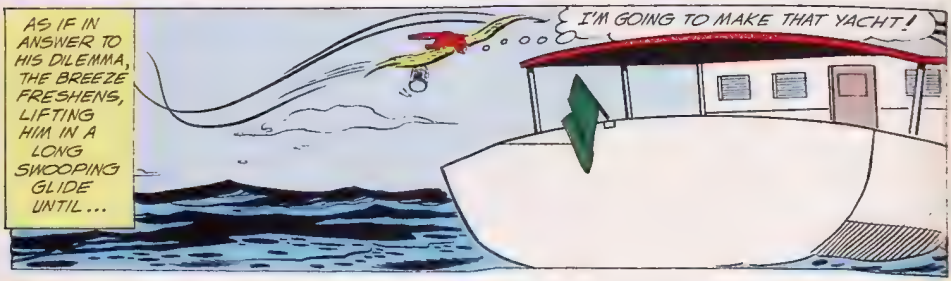
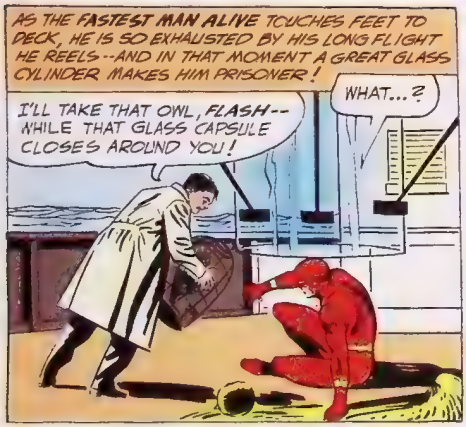
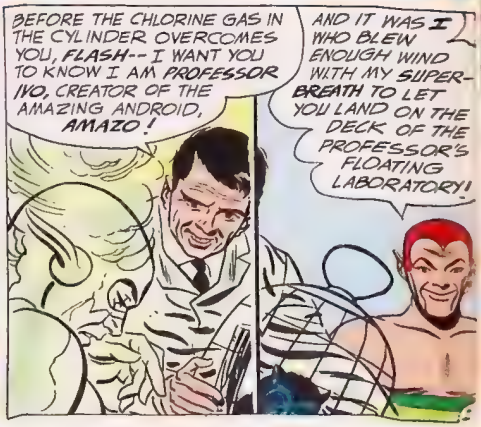

I'LL TAKE THE OWL AND MAKE MY ESCAPE WHILE J'ONN J'ONZZ IS BATTLING THAT SUPER-POWERED THIEF!
BUT UNKNOWN TO THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE, THE ANDROID HAS OVERCOME THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER AND NOW IS SENDING A GREEN BEAM FROM HIS POWER RING TO ENVELOP THE AVIARY IN A MIGHTY ROCKET...
THIS WAY I'LL CAPTURE BOTH THE OWL AND THE FLASH... AND PERSONALLY BRING THEM TO PROFESSOR IVO!
AND SO--AS THE CRIMSON COMET DASHES TOWARD FREEDOM WITH THE OWL--HE FINDS HIS WAY BARRED BY A WALL OF GREEN FORCE!
HE'S USING GREEN LANTERN'S POWER RING TO KEEP ME PRISONER! I'VE GOT TO BREAK THROUGH AT ALL COSTS!
AT LIGHT-SPEED THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE CRASHES INTO THE EMERALD BARRIER--AND IS FLUNG BACK!
I'LL NEVER DO IT BY SHEER SPEED ALONE! I MUST FIND ANOTHER WAY!
HE ROCKETS THROUGH THE AVIARY, PLUCKING YELLOW FEATHERS FROM SUCH BIRDS AS THE CANARY... THE SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOO... THE BOWERBIRD...
I'LL TAKE JUST A FEW YELLOW FEATHERS FROM EACH BIRD SO THEY WON'T MISS THEM!
SOON--CLAD IN A YELLOW-FEATHERED HEADDRESS AND WITH WINGS FASHIONED OF YELLOW QUILLS.. THE FLASH HURTLES TOWARD THE GREEN WALL--AND THROUGH IT!
LUCKY FOR ME... THE POWER RING IS INEFFECTIVE AGAINST YELLOW!


BURSTING FREE OF THE POWER-RING ROCKET, FLASH RIDES THE WIND CURRENTS ON OUTSTRETCHED PINIONS...
AMAZO MUST HAVE COME A LONG WAY WHILE I WAS GATHERING THOSE FEATHERS! I'M ABOVE THE ATLANTIC OCEAN NOW!


I'M LOSING ALTITUDE! I'LL FALL INTO THE WATER UNLESS I CAN REACH THAT DISTANT SHIP! BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKELY... THE WIND IS FAILING!


AS IF IN ANSWER TO HIS DILEMMA, THE BREEZE FRESHENS, LIFTING HIM IN A LONG SWOOPING GLIDE UNTIL...
I'M GOING TO MAKE THAT YACHT!


AS THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE TOUCHES FEET TO DECK, HE IS SO EXHAUSTED BY HIS LONG FLIGHT HE REELS--AND IN THAT MOMENT A GREAT GLASS CYLINDER MAKES HIM PRISONER!
I'LL TAKE THAT OWL, FLASH-- WHILE THAT GLASS CAPSULE CLOSES AROUND YOU!
WHAT...?


BEFORE THE CHLORINE GAS IN THE CYLINDER OVERCOMES YOU, FLASH-- I WANT YOU TO KNOW I AM PROFESSOR IVO, CREATOR OF THE AMAZING ANDROID, AMAZO!
AND IT WAS I WHO BLEW ENOUGH WIND WITH MY SUPER-BREATH TO LET YOU LAND ON THE DECK OF THE PROFESSOR'S FLOATING LABORATORY!

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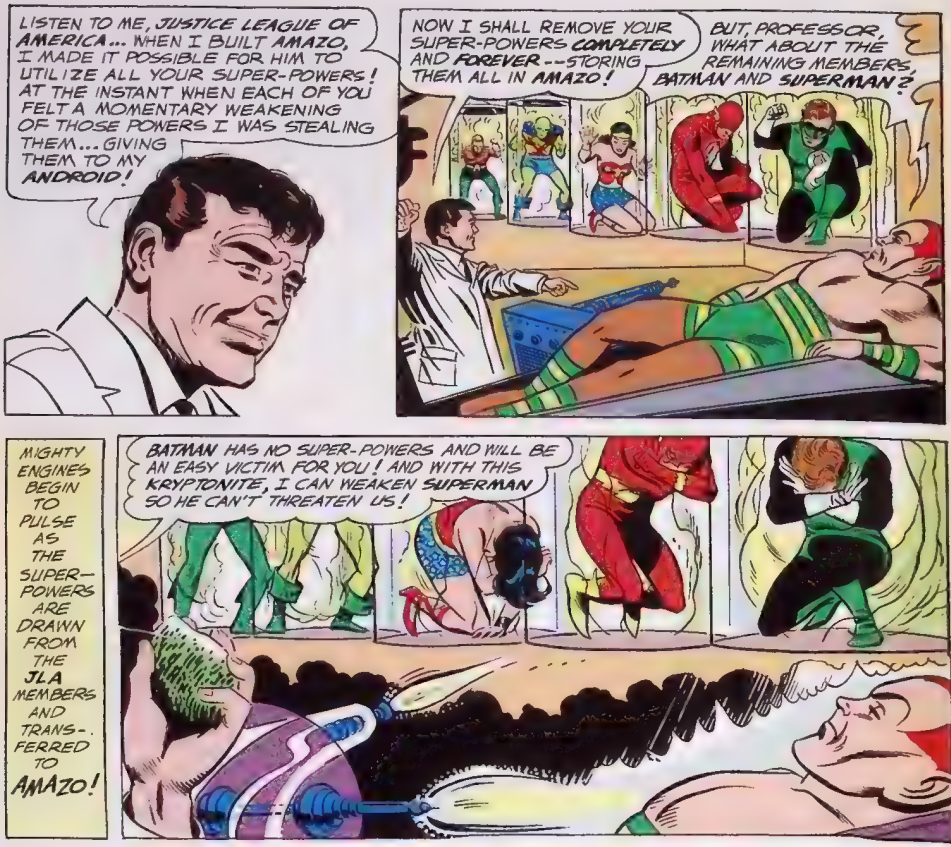
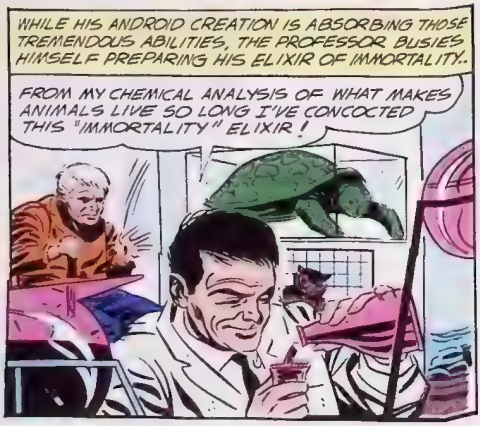
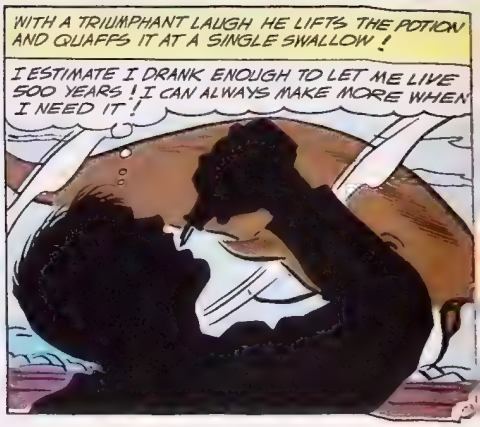
CHAPTER 5
WE'VE DONE IT, AMAZO! CAPTURED THE WORLD'S GREATEST CRIME-FIGHTERS... MADE THEM HELPLESS INSIDE THOSE CHLORINE GAS-FILLED CONTAINERS!
VICTORY IS A SWEET DRINK TO THE SMILING LIPS OF PROFESSOR IVO, THE SCIENTIFIC WIZARD WHO CREATED AMAZO, THE SUPER-POWERED THIEF!
NOW...WITH THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS HIS PRISONERS...HE IS READY TO CARRY OUT HIS PLANS FOR IMMORTALITY AND WORLD CONQUEST!


LISTEN TO ME, JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA... WHEN I BUILT AMAZO, I MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO UTILIZE ALL YOUR SUPER-POWERS! AT THE INSTANT WHEN EACH OF YOU FELT A MOMENTARY WEAKENING OF THOSE POWERS I WAS STEALING THEM... GIVING THEM TO MY ANDROID!
NOW I SHALL REMOVE YOUR SUPER-POWERS COMPLETELY AND FOREVER--STORING THEM ALL IN AMAZO!
BUT, PROFESSOR, WHAT ABOUT THE REMAINING MEMBERS, BATMAN AND SUPERMAN?

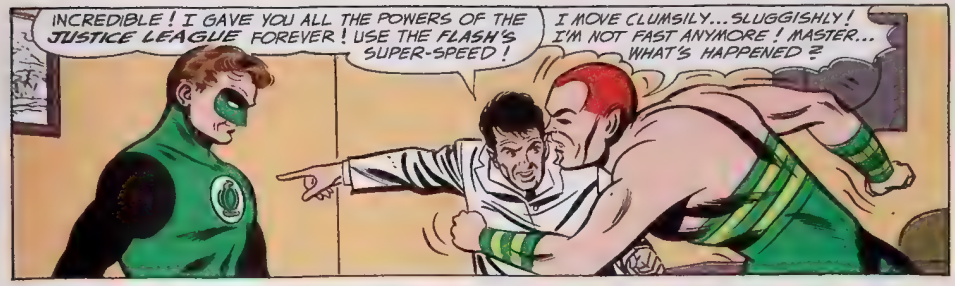
MIGHTY ENGINES BEGIN TO PULSE AS THE SUPER-POWERS ARE DRAWN FROM THE JLA MEMBERS AND TRANS-FERRED TO AMAZO!
BATMAN HAS NO SUPER-POWERS AND WILL BE AN EASY VICTIM FOR YOU! AND WITH THIS KRYPTONITE, I CAN WEAKEN SUPERMAN SO HE CAN'T THREATEN US!

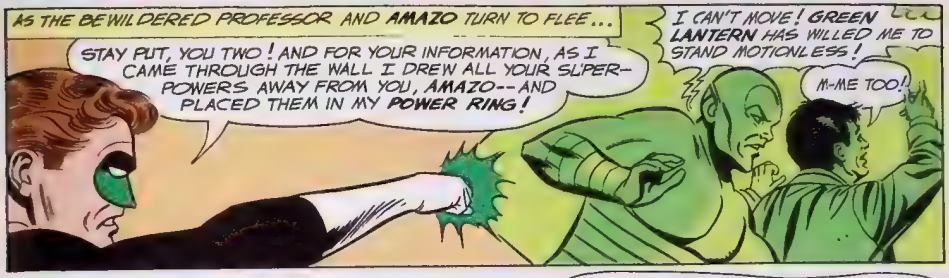

WHILE HIS ANDROID CREATION IS ABSORBING THOSE TREMENDOUS ABILITIES, THE PROFESSOR BUSIES HIMSELF PREPARING HIS ELIXIR OF IMMORTALITY.
FROM MY CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WHAT MAKES ANIMALS LIVE SO LONG I'VE CONCOCTED THIS "IMMORTALITY" ELIXIR!

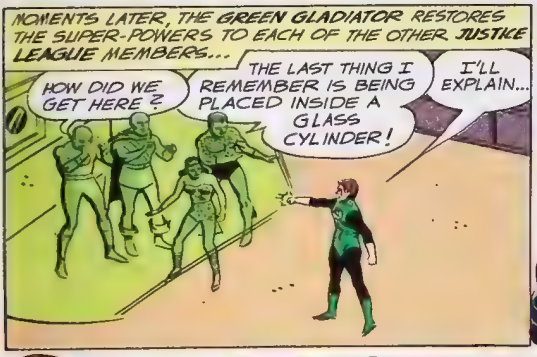

WITH A TRIUMPHANT LAUGH HE LIFTS THE POTION AND QUAFFS IT AT A SINGLE SWALLOW!
I ESTIMATE I DRANK ENOUGH TO LET ME LIVE 500 YEARS! I CAN ALWAYS MAKE MORE WHEN I NEED IT!

AND THEN...
RISE, AMAZO! YOU ARE NOW THE MOST POWERFUL CREATION DEVISED BY MAN! SINCE I HAVE TAKEN AWAY THE SUPER-POWERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS... I SHALL RELEASE THEM FOR MY FINAL COUP!
PFAH! THE SMELL OF THOSE CHLORINE GASES IRRITATES ME! BLOW THEM AWAY, AMAZO!
NOW WITH THE POWER RING -- ORDER THEM TO FORGET THEY WERE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS AND TO FORGET YOU AND ME!
FIRST I MUST RE-CHARGE THE RING WITH THE BATTERY OF POWER... WHICH I STOLE FROM GREEN LANTERN SOON AFTER HE LEFT FOR THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEETING!
SHORTLY...
THEY ARE JUST ORDINARY PEOPLE NOW! WE NEED NEVER FEAR THEM AGAIN! NOW FOLLOW ME, AMAZO! WE MUST LAY PLANS TO CONQUER THE WORLD!

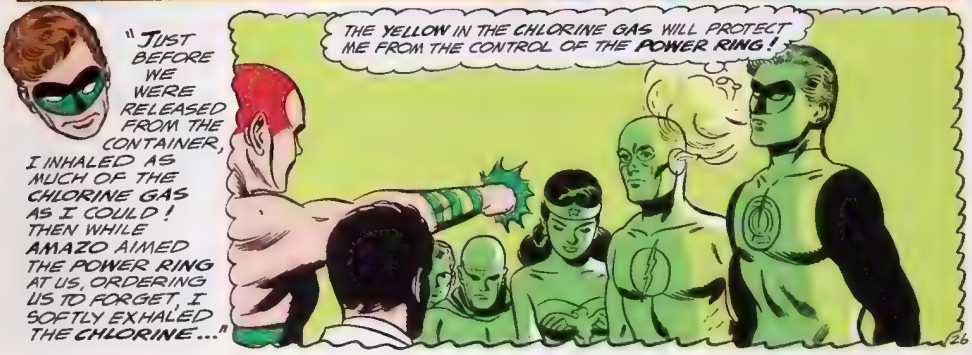
AS THE "IMMORTAL" PROFESSOR AND HIS ANDROID ASSISTANT LEAVE THE YACHT LABORATORY, THE FORMER SUPER-BEINGS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE FILE OUT ONTO THE DECK...
WH...WHAT AM I DOING ON THIS BOAT?
AND WHY AM I WEARING SUCH AN ODD COSTUME?
IN ANOTHER PART OF THE YACHT, WHILE PROFESSOR IVO AND AMAZO PLOT THEIR CONQUEST OF EARTH, A SOFT GREEN GLOW PERVADES THE CABIN WHERE THEY SIT...
THAT STRANGE GREEN LIGHT! WHAT'S CAUSING IT?
AT THIS INSTANT THE MIGHTY FORM OF GREEN LANTERN MOVES THROUGH A CABIN WALL...
I'M CAUSING THE GREEN GLOW, IVO! YOU CAN FORGET ALL YOUR PLANS FOR WORLD CONQUEST! YOU--AND AMAZO--ARE FINISHED!
GREEN LANTERN! BUT HOW...? SNARE HIM WITH YOUR MAGIC LASSO, AMAZO!
BUT AS THE ANDROID CASTS THE GOLDEN DUPLICATE OF WONDER WOMAN'S LASSO...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHY WASN'T HE AFFECTED LIKE THE OTHERS?
MASTER... I... I CAN'T CONTROL THE LASSO!
NEVER MIND--USE YOUR SUPER-BREATH ON HIM! BLOW HIM RIGHT THROUGH THE WALL!
I...I'M TRYING TO... BUT MY SUPER-BREATH IS GONE!


INCREDIBLE! I GAVE YOU ALL THE POWERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE FOREVER! USE THE FLASH'S SUPER-SPEED!
I MOVE CLUMSILY...SLUGGISHLY! I'M NOT FAST ANYMORE! MASTER... WHAT'S HAPPENED?


AS THE BEWILDERED PROFESSOR AND AMAZO TURN TO FLEE...
STAY PUT, YOU TWO! AND FOR YOUR INFORMATION, AS I CAME THROUGH THE WALL I DREW ALL YOUR SUPER-POWERS AWAY FROM YOU, AMAZO--AND PLACED THEM IN MY POWER RING!
I CAN'T MOVE! GREEN LANTERN HAS WILLED ME TO STAND MOTIONLESS!
M-ME TOO!


MOMENTS LATER, THE GREEN GLADIATOR RESTORES THE SUPER-POWERS TO EACH OF THE OTHER JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS...
HOW DID WE GET HERE?
THE LAST THING I REMEMBER IS BEING PLACED INSIDE A GLASS CYLINDER!
I'LL EXPLAIN...

WHILE INSIDE THE CYLINDER, I OVERHEARD PROFESSOR IVO MENTION THAT A CHLORINE GAS WAS KEEPING US HELPLESS! NOW CHLORINE IS A GREENISH-YELLOW GAS...


"JUST BEFORE WE WERE RELEASED FROM THE CONTAINER, I INHALED AS MUCH OF THE CHLORINE GAS AS I COULD! THEN WHILE AMAZO AIMED THE POWER RING AT US, ORDERING US TO FORGET, I SOFTLY EXHALED THE CHLORINE..."
THE YELLOW IN THE CHLORINE GAS WILL PROTECT ME FROM THE CONTROL OF THE POWER RING!
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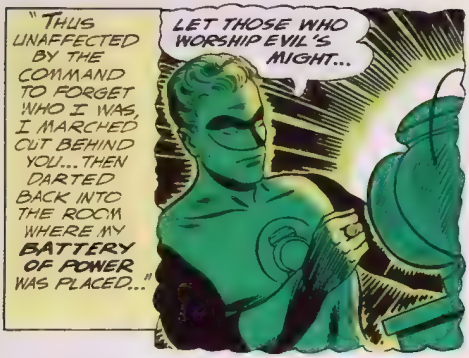
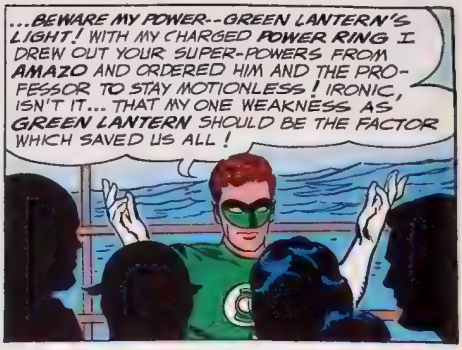
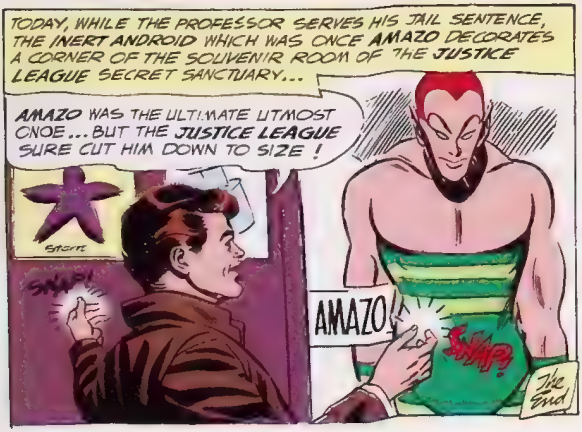

"THUS UNAFFECTED BY THE COMMAND TO FORGET WHO I WAS, I MARCHED OUT BEHIND YOU...THEN DARTED BACK INTO THE ROOM WHERE MY BATTERY OF POWER WAS PLACED..."
LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT...


...BEWARE MY POWER--GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT! WITH MY CHARGED POWER RING I DREW OUT YOUR SUPER-POWERS FROM AMAZO AND ORDERED HIM AND THE PROFESSOR TO STAY MOTIONLESS! IRONIC, ISN'T IT... THAT MY ONE WEAKNESS AS GREEN LANTERN SHOULD BE THE FACTOR WHICH SAVED US ALL!

WE BETTER SIGNAL SUPERMAN AND BATMAN THAT THE THREAT IS OVER!
WE'LL HAVE TO REPLACE THESE ANIMALS AND RETURN JOSÉ MENDOZA TO HIS HOME IN PERU!
FLASH, AQUAMAN, AND I CAN DO THAT--WHILE J'ONN J'ONZZ AND GREEN LANTERN TAKE PROFESSOR IVO TO THE AUTHORITIES!

LATER, AFTER A JURY TRIAL...
I HEREBY SENTENCE YOU TO SERVE 500 YEARS IN THE PENITENTIARY...
MAN, THAT SENTENCE PULVERIZES ME! THE EVIL IVO WILL ACTUALLY HAVE TO SPEND ALL THAT TIME IN JAILSVILLE BECAUSE HE'S GONNA LIVE THAT LONG!


TODAY, WHILE THE PROFESSOR SERVES HIS JAIL SENTENCE, THE INERT ANDROID WHICH WAS ONCE AMAZO DECORATES A CORNER OF THE SOUVENIR ROOM OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE SECRET SANCTUARY...
AMAZO WAS THE ULTIMATE UTMOST ONOE...BUT THE JUSTICE LEAGUE SURE CUT HIM DOWN TO SIZE!
SIGH!
SNAP!
AMAZO!
SNAP!
The End

SUPERMAN
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JUSTICE LEAGUE of AMERICA
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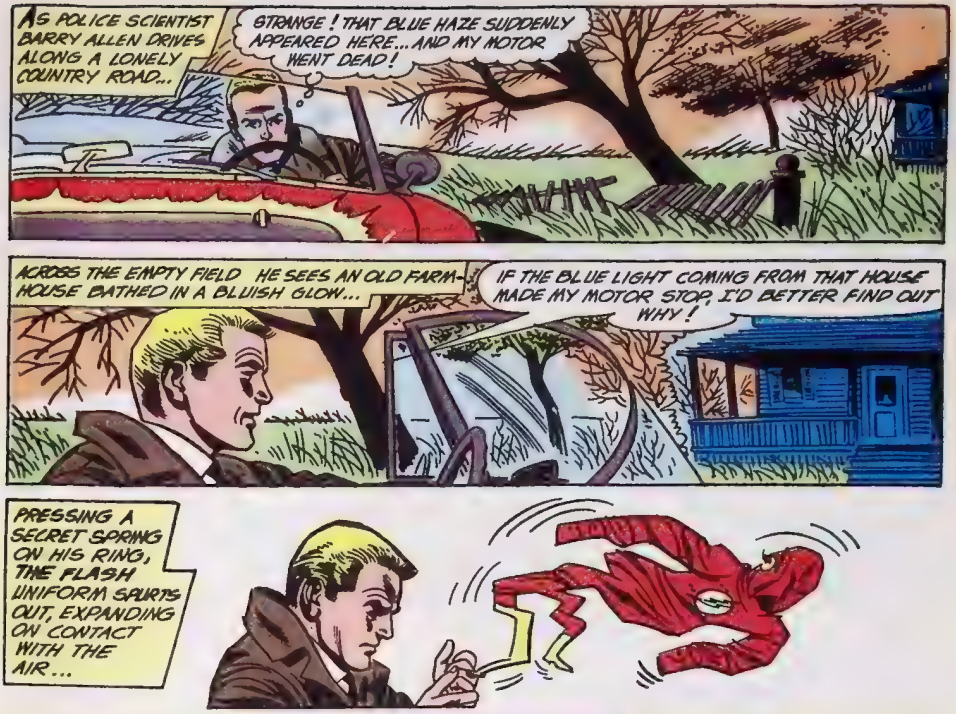
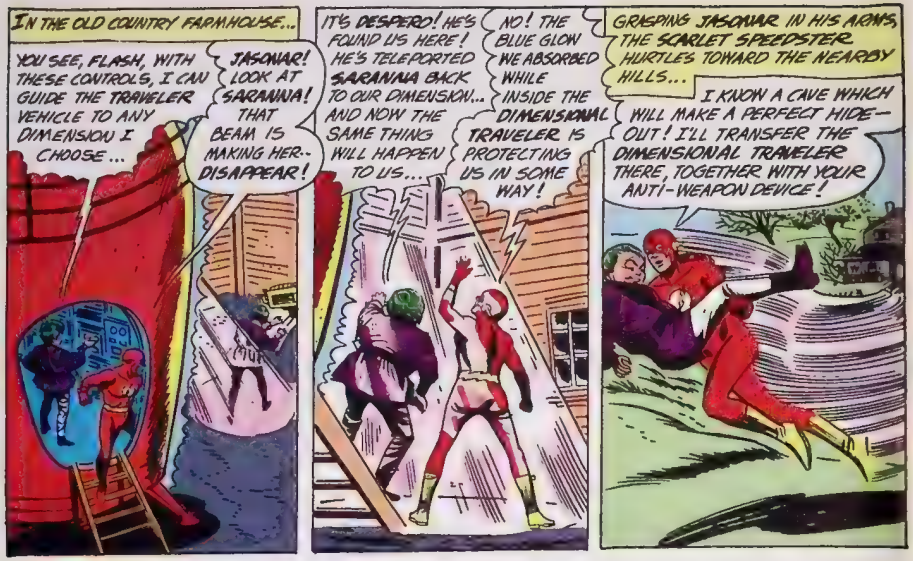
NOV.
I'VE GOT THIS GAME RIGGED SO THAT EVERY-TIME FLASH MAKES A MOVE, A MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE DISAPPEARS FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH!
A STAR-STUDDED SPECTACULAR--
"WORLD OF NO RETURN!"

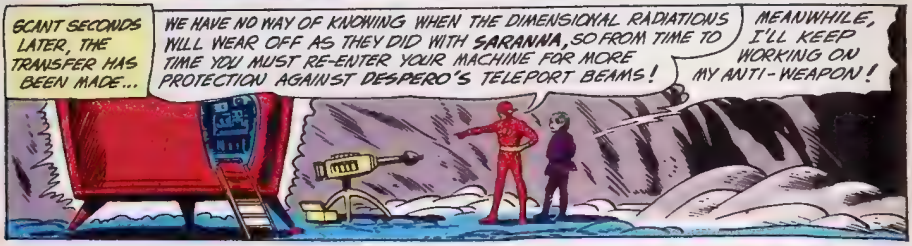
JUSTICE LEAGUE of AMERICA
UNITED IN ACTION, FIRM IN PURPOSE, THE WORLD-FAMOUS HEROES OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA HAVE POOLED THEIR EXTRAORDINARY TALENTS TO STAMP OUT EVIL AND INJUSTICE WHEREVER AND WHENEVER THEY MAY OCCUR!
NOW THEY ARE CALLED UPON TO FIGHT TYRANNY AND INHUMANITY IN A DIMENSIONAL WORLD DOMINATED BY A THREE-EYED EVIL GENIUS WHO TRICKS THEM INTO ENTERING --
The WORLD of NO RETURN!
MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, YOU ARE GATHERED HERE TO DEAL WITH THE MENACE OF DESPERO! BUT I--DESPERO HIMSELF--AM TAKING OVER! SINCE I HAVE DEFEATED YOU ALL, I NOW DECLARE THIS MEETING ADJOURNED... FOREVER!
ROLL CALL
IN THE ORDER OF THEIR APPEARANCE...
1. FLASH
2. Wonder Woman
3. J'ONN J'ONZZ
4. GREEN LANTERN
5. SUPERMAN
6. BATMAN
7. AQUAMAN

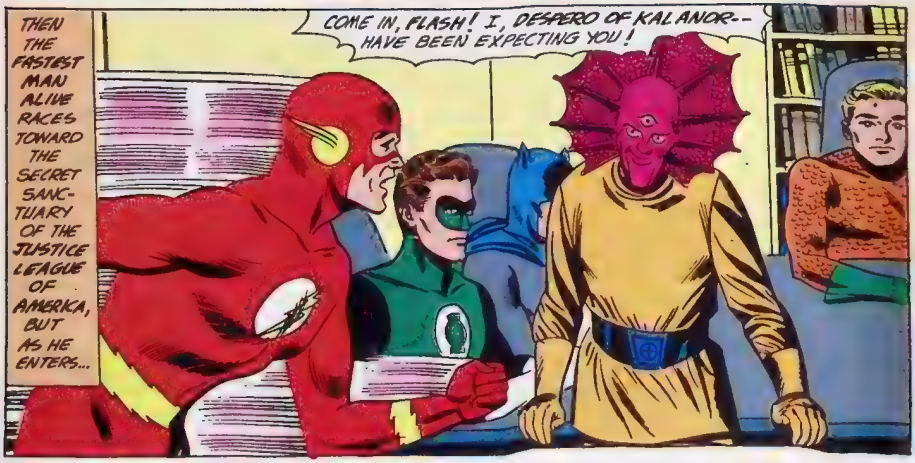

AS POLICE SCIENTIST BARRY ALLEN DRIVES ALONG A LONELY COUNTRY ROAD...
STRANGE! THAT BLUE HAZE SUDDENLY APPEARED HERE... AND MY MOTOR WENT DEAD!
ACROSS THE EMPTY FIELD HE SEES AN OLD FARM-HOUSE BATHED IN A BLUISH GLOW...
IF THE BLUE LIGHT COMING FROM THAT HOUSE MADE MY MOTOR STOP, I'D BETTER FIND OUT WHY!
PRESSING A SECRET SPRING ON HIS RING, THE FLASH UNIFORM SPURTS OUT, EXPANDING ON CONTACT WITH THE AIR...
THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER RACES TOWARD THE FARM-HOUSE, WHERE HE SEES...
THAT GREEN-HAIRED GIRL AND MAN... MUST BE ALIEN BEINGS FROM ANOTHER WORLD!
RACING INSIDE THE BUILDING, HE IS GREETED BY LOOKS OF STARK TERROR...
FATHER! IT IS ONE OF DESPERO'S HUNTERS! HE'S FOUND US!
NO, SARANNA! HE IS AN EARTH-BEING! I CAN READ HIS THOUGHTS!
AS IF SENSING THE SYMPATHETIC INTEREST OF THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE, SARANNA IS SOON TALK-ING FREELY...
WE COME FROM A DIMENSIONAL WORLD CALLED KALANOR! THERE A THREE-EYED TYRANT CALLED DESPERO HAS SEIZED CONTROL AND MADE SLAVES OF OUR PEOPLE!

"SOME DAYS AGO MY FATHER--JASONAR--AND I FLED FROM KALANOR IN A DIMENSIONAL TRAVELER, HOPING TO FIND ASYLUM ON EARTH WHERE WE COULD PERFECT AN ANTI-WEAPON..."
WHEN MY WEAPON IS COMPLETED, IT WILL ABSORB ENERGY AS A SPONGE DOES WATER!
THEN DESPERO'S SUPER-ENERGY WEAPONS WOULD BE USELESS--AS WAS YOUR FOUR-WHEELED VEHICLE--AND OUR PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO OVER-THROW THE TYRANT!
EVEN NOW HE'S SEARCHING FOR US! IF HE FINDS US, HE'LL DRAG US BACK TO KALANOR AND OUR PEOPLE WILL NEVER BE FREE!
DON'T GIVE UP HOPE! THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA HAS BEEN FIGHTING FOR LIBERTY AND JUSTICE ON EARTH-WHY NOT FOR A DIMENSIONAL WORLD? PERHAPS WE CAN HELP...
PRESSING THE SIGNAL DEVICE IN HIS LIGHTNING BELT, FLASH SENDS OUT A SERIES OF ULTRA-SONIC VIBRATIONS ACROSS THE LANDS OF EARTH, OUT OVER ITS SEVEN SEAS, AND INTO ITS SUNLIT SKIES...
SOON NOW THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER AT OUR SECRET HEAD-QUARTERS...
IN ANSWER TO THAT CALL...
THANK HERA MY ROBOT PLANE MATCHED THE SPEED OF THAT LIGHTNING BOLT, OR IT WOULD HAVE DESTROYED THE STATUE OF LIBERTY! GREAT ZEUS! A SUMMONS TO AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!

IN THE ASPHALT JUNGLES OF A METROPOLIS...
MY MARTIAN SUPER-HEARING IS PICKING UP A JUSTICE LEAGUE CALL! AS SOON AS I SNAP THE CUFFS ON THESE HOODS, I'M OFF TO ANSWER IT AS...JOHN J'ONZZ, MANHUNTER FROM MARS!
MEANWHILE, GREEN LANTERN IS POWER-RINGING A COUPLE OF HOUSES INTO THE AIR, SAVING THEM FROM A TORRENT OF WATER RELEASED FROM A BREAKING DAM...
GOT TO PUT THOSE HOUSES AND THE PEOPLE IN THEM ON A HIGH, DRY SPOT--THEN RACE OFF TO THE JLA MEETING PLACE!
TWO OTHER MEMBERS ARE GOING ABOUT THEIR ROUTINE CHORES...
DAILY PLANET
AN ALARM SIGNAL! GOT TO GET OUT OF SIGHT SO I CAN CHANGE FROM CLARK KENT, REPORTER, TO--SUPERMAN!
SNAP!
I HEAR YOU CALLING, JLA...AND I'LL BE BLASTING OFF FOR THE PAD LIKE MY WHEELS WERE ON FIRE!
SNAP!
WHILE STILL ANOTHER DUO IS TEAMING UP TO DEFEAT EVIL FORCES ON THE HIGH SEAS...
I'M GETTING AN EMERGENCY SUMMONS--BUT IT WON'T TAKE LONG TO HELP AQUAMAN CAPTURE THE SMUGGLERS!
I'LL TURN THIS GANG OVER TO A POLICE PATROL BOAT, THEN GO WITH BATMAN TO THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEETING!


IN THE OLD COUNTRY FARMHOUSE...
YOU SEE, FLASH, WITH THESE CONTROLS, I CAN GUIDE THE TRAVELER VEHICLE TO ANY DIMENSION I CHOOSE...
JASONAR! LOOK AT SARANNA! THAT BEAM IS MAKING HER--DISAPPEAR!
IT'S DESPERO! HE'S FOUND US HERE! HE'S TELEPORTED SARANNA BACK TO OUR DIMENSION... AND NOW THE SAME THING WILL HAPPEN TO US...
NO! THE BLUE GLOW WE ABSORBED WHILE INSIDE THE DIMENSIONAL TRAVELER IS PROTECTING US IN SOME WAY!
GRASPING JASONAR IN HIS ARMS, THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER HURTLES TOWARD THE NEARBY HILLS...
I KNOW A CAVE WHICH WILL MAKE A PERFECT HIDE-OUT! I'LL TRANSFER THE DIMENSIONAL TRAVELER THERE, TOGETHER WITH YOUR ANTI-WEAPON DEVICE!


SCANT SECONDS LATER, THE TRANSFER HAS BEEN MADE...
WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING WHEN THE DIMENSIONAL RADIATIONS WILL WEAR OFF AS THEY DID WITH SARANNA, SO FROM TIME TO TIME YOU MUST RE-ENTER YOUR MACHINE FOR MORE PROTECTION AGAINST DESPERO'S TELEPORT BEAMS!
MEANWHILE, I'LL KEEP WORKING ON MY ANTI-WEAPON!


THEN THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE RACES TOWARD THE SECRET SANCTUARY OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, BUT AS HE ENTERS...
COME IN, FLASH! I, DESPERO OF KALANOR--HAVE BEEN EXPECTING YOU!

DON'T BOTHER TO LOOK TO YOUR FRIENDS FOR HELP OR INFORMATION, FLASH! ONLY I CAN RELEASE THEM FROM THIS TRANCE, WHICH IS WHY YOU WON'T DARE ATTACK ME! HOWEVER, I'LL TELL YOU WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW...
"IT WAS I WHO MADE SARANNA DISAPPEAR, DRAWING HER VIA TELEPORT BEAM OFF EARTH TO KALANOR, WHERE I READ HER MIND..."
NOW THAT I'VE BEEN ALERTED THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA IS PREPARING TO CHALLENGE DESPERO, I SHALL BE READY FOR THEM... WITH A SURPRISE ATTACK OF MY OWN!
SECRETLY ARRIVING HERE ON A TELEPORT BEAM, MY MYSTIC MENTAL POWERS OVERWHELMED ALL THE MEMBERS BUT YOU, FLASH! YOU ARE STILL PROTECTED BY THAT BLUE GLOW YOU ABSORBED--SO I HAVE ANOTHER IDEA...
BEING A SPORTSMAN, I HAVE DECIDED TO PLAY A SIMPLE GAME WITH YOU! WIN--AND I WILL RELEASE YOUR FELLOW JLA MEMBERS AND GO BACK TO KALANOR, FREEING SARANNA AND GIVING UP MY PURSUIT OF HER FATHER AND HIS ANTI-WEAPON DEVICE!
YOU CAN WIN BY PLACING ANY ONE OF THESE SIX JLA FIGURES ON A FREE SQUARE! SINCE THERE ARE 63 FREE SQUARES AND ONLY ONE DISASTER SQUARE FOR EACH JLA PIECE--THE ODDS FAVOR YOU ENORMOUSLY!
SHUFFLE THESE SIXTY-FOUR NUMBERED CARDS IN ANY ORDER YOU DESIRE! THEN PLACE THEM NEXT TO THE BOARD AND MOVE A PIECE! IF YOU MOVE IT TO A SQUARE THAT MATCHES THE NUMBER ON THE TOP CARD--YOU LOSE!
THE ODDS ARE 63 TO 1 IN MY FAVOR--AND I MUST PLAY THIS GAME TO SAVE MY FELLOW MEMBERS!

IF YOU PLACE YOUR PIECE ON THE SINGLE DISASTER SQUARE, YOUR FELLOW MEMBER WILL BE TELEPORTED INSTANTLY INTO A DIMENSIONAL WORLD--FROM WHICH I'LL MAKE SURE HE CAN NEVER RETURN! LOSE WITH ALL SIX PIECES AND YOU BECOME MY PRISONER! NOW--BEGIN!
CONFIDENTLY, THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER MAKES HIS FIRST MOVE...
BATMAN TO SQUARE 32!
THEN HE REACHES FOR THE TOP CARD, TURNS IT OVER...
NUMBER 32... I LOSE!
TOO BAD, FLASH! THAT MEANS BATMAN GETS TELEPORTED TO ANOTHER DIMENSION!
32
FLASH MOVES ANOTHER PIECE AND ONCE AGAIN...
SUPERMAN TO SQUARE 48!
I'VE LOST--A SECOND TIME! INCREDIBLE!
48
DESPERATELY NOW HE MAKES HIS MOVES--BACK AND FORTH ACROSS THE BOARD--EACH TIME MEETING STARK FAILURE...
23
THE ODDS ARE OVERWHELMINGLY IN MY FAVOR... YET I KEEP LOSING! IN SOME MANNER DESPERO MUST BE RIGGING THE GAME SO I LOSE! BUT HOW...?
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AS FLASH PREPARES TO SHIFT THE AQUAMAN PIECE, A SHOWER STALL DESCENDS AROUND THE KING OF THE SEA--ENABLING HIM TO BREATHE AT LEAST ONCE EVERY HOUR...
SECONDS LATER, AQUAMAN IS GONE AND FLASH LIFTS THE LAST WONDER WOMAN PIECE...
FLASH HASN'T A CHANCE! NO MATTER WHERE HE PLACES WONDER WOMAN ON THAT BOARD, IT'LL BE A DISASTER SQUARE!
HIS FELLOW MEMBERS GONE, THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER PAYS THE PENALTY OF FAILURE BY ENTERING A DIMENSIONAL TRAVELER...
MY TELEPATHY BEAM WON'T WORK ON YOU SINCE YOU'RE STILL PROTECTED BY THAT BLUE GLOW FROM JASONAR'S DIMENSIONAL TRAVELER, SO I'M FORCED TO USE THIS OLD-FASHIONED METHOD OF TRANSPORTING YOU OFF THE EARTH...
UNKNOWN TO THE EVIL DESPERO, LATE ARRIVAL SNAPPER CARR* HAS OBSERVED WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE...
FLASH DIDN'T REALIZE MY THIRD EYE WAS CAUSING A CHANGE IN THE NUMBER ON EVERY CARD HE CHOSE--BLANKING OUT THE RIGHT NUMBER AND CAUSING THE DISASTER SQUARE NUMBER TO APPEAR!
MAN, THIS THREE-EYED BIG DADDY IS A REAL MOTH-BALL!
*Editor's Note! FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS ON A PREVIOUS CASE, SNAPPER CARR WAS MADE AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE JLA!
NOW I CAN CONTINUE MY SEARCH FOR JASONAR IN THE DIMENSIONAL TRAVELER WITHOUT THE JUSTICE LEAGUE TO STOP ME!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S ON THE FRONT BURNER BUT I'LL STOW ABOARD THIS MAD CARPET TO NOWHERE AND FIND OUT WHAT'S COOKING!

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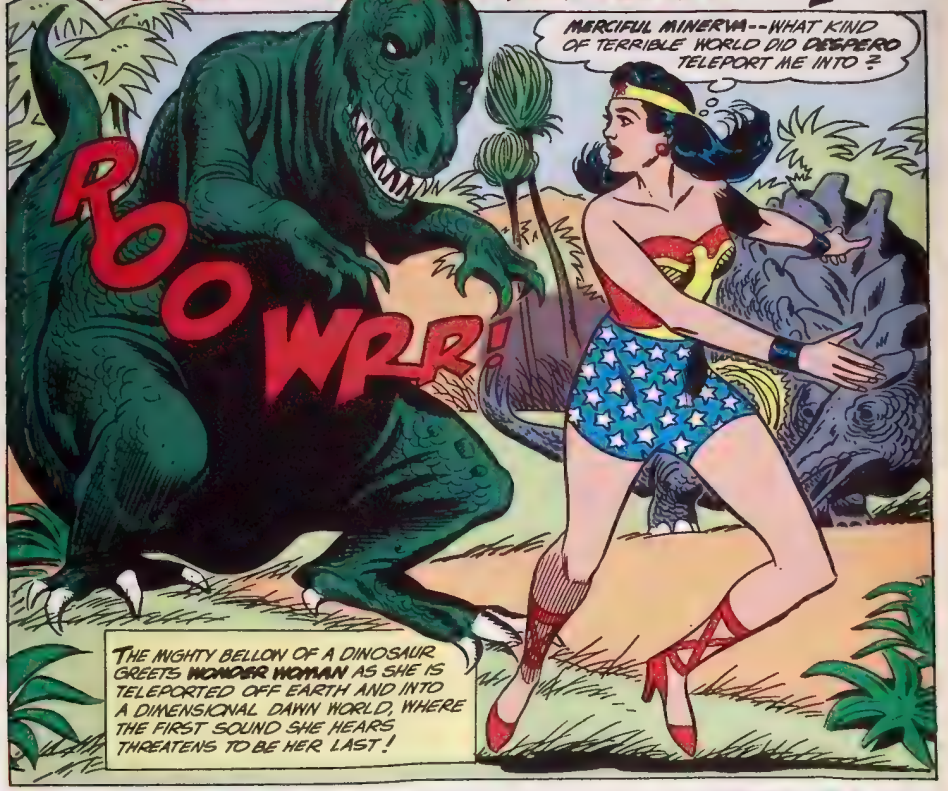
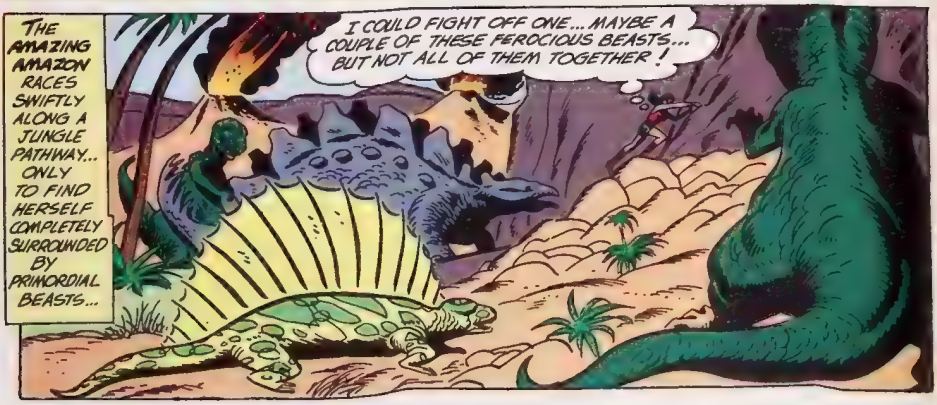
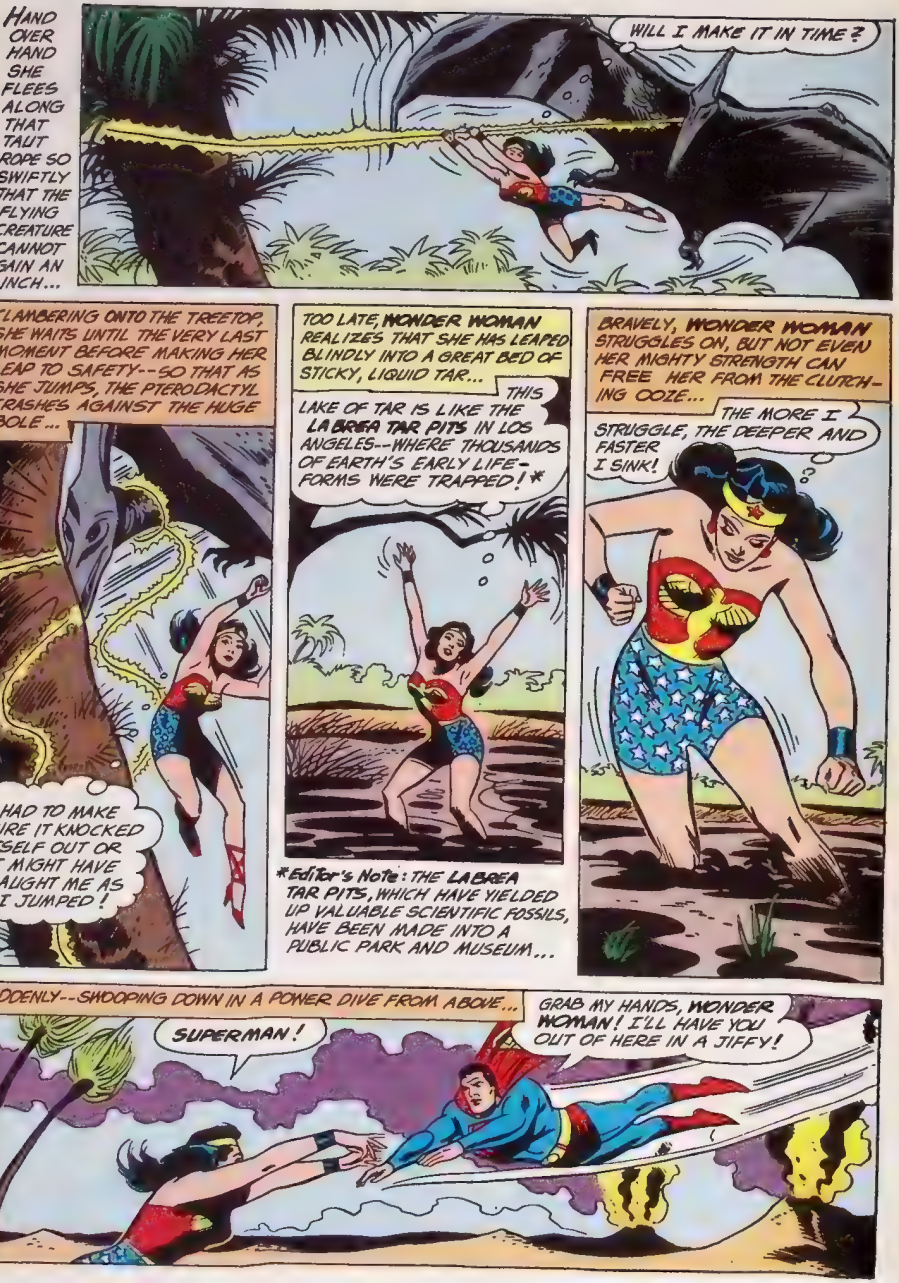
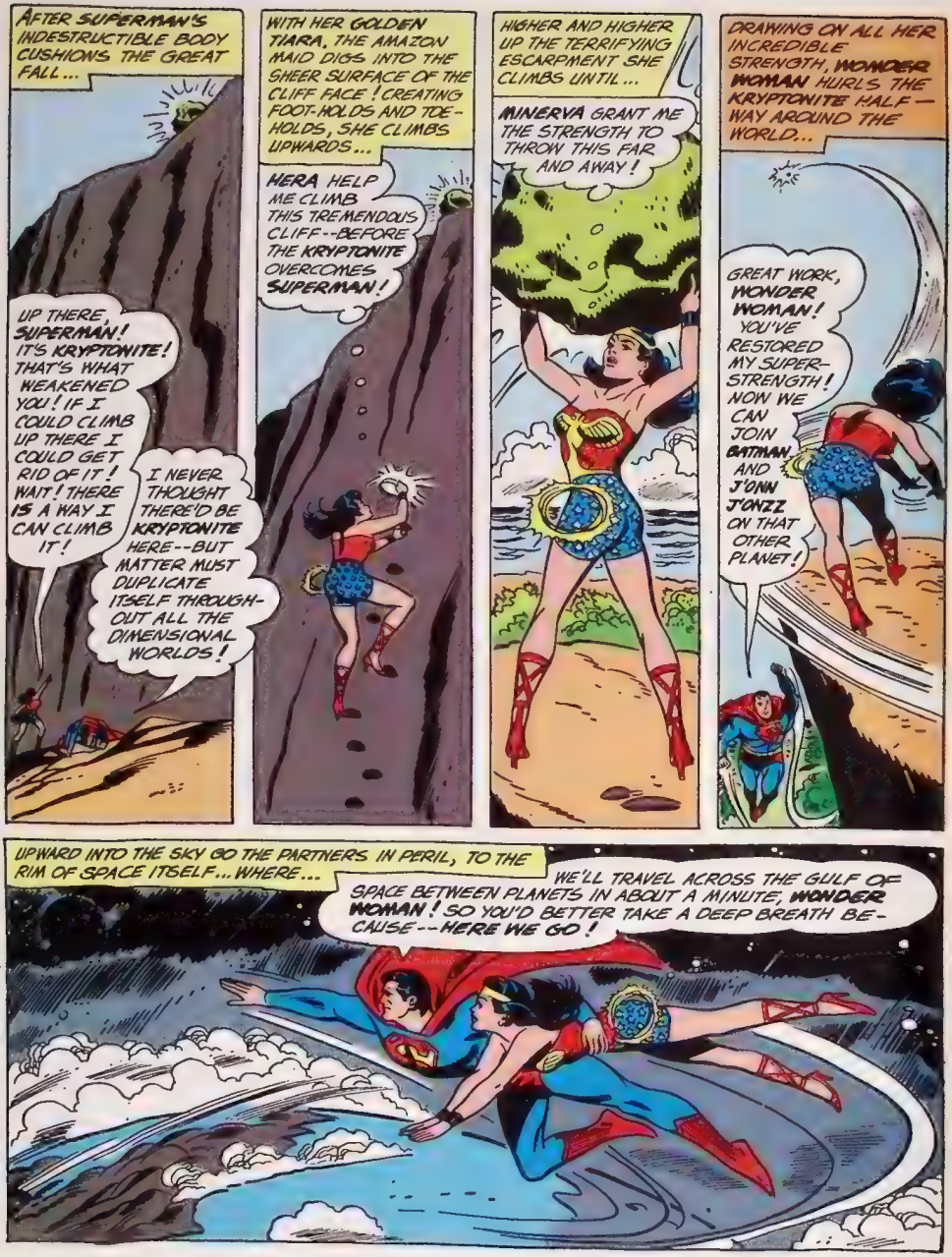

MERCIFUL MINERVA--WHAT KIND OF TERRIBLE WORLD DID DESPERO TELEPORT ME INTO ?
ROOWRR!
THE MIGHTY BELLOW OF A DINOSAUR GREETS WONDER WOMAN AS SHE IS TELEPORTED OFF EARTH AND INTO A DIMENSIONAL DAWN WORLD, WHERE THE FIRST SOUND SHE HEARS THREATENS TO BE HER LAST!


THE AMAZING AMAZON RACES SWIFTLY ALONG A JUNGLE PATHWAY... ONLY TO FIND HERSELF COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY PRIMORDIAL BEASTS...
I COULD FIGHT OFF ONE... MAYBE A COUPLE OF THESE FEROCIOUS BEASTS... BUT NOT ALL OF THEM TOGETHER!

I'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY OUT... OR...
HIGH ABOVE HER SHE SEES A PTERODACTYL FLYING BY...
GREAT HERA! THERE'S MY ESCAPE ROUTE.. THROUGH THE AIR!
UP FROM HER HAND LEAPS THE MAGIC GOLDEN LASSO, ITS LOOP OPENING TO FALL ABOUT THE NECK OF THE WINGED REPTILE! IN A MOMENT SHE IS LIFTED SKYWARD BY BEATING PINIONS...
MOMENTS LATER...
THE PTERODACTYL IS TURNING-- COMING BACK TO ATTACK ME!
FOR A LONG MOMENT THE AMAZON PRINCESS HANGS HELPLESS ABOVE THE JUNGLE..
I'VE GOT TO STRETCH THE FREE END OF MY LASSO AND LOOP IT AROUND THAT GIANT TREE BELOW! IT'S MY ONLY CHANCE TO ESCAPE THE PTERODACTYL!


HAND OVER HAND SHE FLEES ALONG THAT TAUT ROPE SO SWIFTLY THAT THE FLYING CREATURE CANNOT GAIN AN INCH...
WILL I MAKE IT IN TIME?
CLAMBERING ONTO THE TREETOP, SHE WAITS UNTIL THE VERY LAST MOMENT BEFORE MAKING HER LEAP TO SAFETY--SO THAT AS SHE JUMPS, THE PTERODACTYL CRASHES AGAINST THE HUGE BOLE...
I HAD TO MAKE SURE IT KNOCKED ITSELF OUT OR IT MIGHT HAVE CAUGHT ME AS I JUMPED!
TOO LATE, WONDER WOMAN REALIZES THAT SHE HAS LEAPED BLINDLY INTO A GREAT BED OF STICKY, LIQUID TAR...
THIS LAKE OF TAR IS LIKE THE LA BREA TAR PITS IN LOS ANGELES--WHERE THOUSANDS OF EARTH'S EARLY LIFE-FORMS WERE TRAPPED!*
*EDITOR'S NOTE: THE LA BREA TAR PITS, WHICH HAVE YIELDED UP VALUABLE SCIENTIFIC FOSSILS, HAVE BEEN MADE INTO A PUBLIC PARK AND MUSEUM...
BRAVELY, WONDER WOMAN STRUGGLES ON, BUT NOT EVEN HER MIGHTY STRENGTH CAN FREE HER FROM THE CLUTCHING OOZE...
THE MORE I STRUGGLE, THE DEEPER AND FASTER I SINK!
SUDDENLY--SWOOPING DOWN IN A POWER DIVE FROM ABOVE...
SUPERMAN!
GRAB MY HANDS, WONDER WOMAN! I'LL HAVE YOU OUT OF HERE IN A JIFFY!

ONCE... TWICE... THE MAN OF STEEL HEAVES ON THE ARMS OF THE AMAZING AMAZON...
READY NOW--! ONE-- TWO..
GO, SUPERMAN-- GO!
A TITANIC YANK AND WONDER WOMAN SAILS HIGH INTO THE AIR--TURNING INTO A LIVING PINWHEEL AS THE PROPULSIVE FORCE OF HER LEAP AND SUPERMAN'S POWERFUL PULL FREES HER FROM THE TAR...
AFTER RECOVERING THE MAGIC LASSO, THE MAN OF STEEL AND THE AMAZON PRINCESS HURTLE ABOVE THE TAR PITS TOWARD DRY GROUND...
DESPERO THOUGHT THE TERRIBLE MONSTERS OF THIS PRIMEVAL PLANET WOULD DESTROY US, SUPERMAN!
YES... WHICH MAKES ME WONDER HOW THE OTHER JLA MEMBERS ARE DOING?
ALIGHTING ON FIRM GROUND AT THE BASE OF A MIGHTY CLIFF, SUPERMAN TRAINS HIS TELE-SCOPIC-VISION OUT ACROSS THE JUNGLE WORLD AND THEN UP-WARD AND OUT-WARD INTO SPACE...
I SEE J'ONN J'ONZZ AND BATMAN... ON A DIFFERENT PLANET OF THIS DIMENSIONAL SOLAR SYSTEM! LET'S JOIN THEM!
LIFTING WONDER WOMAN IN HIS ARMS, SUPERMAN ROCKETS UPWARD--BUT AS HE NEARS THE TOP OF A NEARBY CLIFF...
WONDER WOMAN--I'M GROWING WEAK! WE'RE FALL-ING! WHA--WHAT CAN BE HAP-PENING TO ME? IT'S JUST AS IF THERE WERE SOME KRYPTONITE AROUND HERE!


AFTER SUPERMAN'S INDESTRUCTIBLE BODY CUSHIONS THE GREAT FALL...
UP THERE, SUPERMAN! IT'S KRYPTONITE! THAT'S WHAT WEAKENED YOU! IF I COULD CLIMB UP THERE I COULD GET RID OF IT! WAIT! THERE IS A WAY I CAN CLIMB IT!
I NEVER THOUGHT THERE'D BE KRYPTONITE HERE--BUT MATTER MUST DUPLICATE ITSELF THROUGHOUT ALL THE DIMENSIONAL WORLDS!
WITH HER GOLDEN TIARA, THE AMAZON MAID DIGS INTO THE SHEER SURFACE OF THE CLIFF FACE! CREATING FOOT-HOLDS AND TOE-HOLDS, SHE CLIMBS UPWARDS...
HERA HELP ME CLIMB THIS TREMENDOUS CLIFF--BEFORE THE KRYPTONITE OVERCOMES SUPERMAN!
HIGHER AND HIGHER UP THE TERRIFYING ESCARPMENT SHE CLIMBS UNTIL...
MINERVA GRANT ME THE STRENGTH TO THROW THIS FAR AND AWAY!
DRAWING ON ALL HER INCREDIBLE STRENGTH, WONDER WOMAN HURLS THE KRYPTONITE HALF-WAY AROUND THE WORLD...
GREAT WORK, WONDER WOMAN! YOU'VE RESTORED MY SUPER-STRENGTH! NOW WE CAN JOIN BATMAN AND J'ONN J'ONZZ ON THAT OTHER PLANET!
UPWARD INTO THE SKY GO THE PARTNERS IN PERIL, TO THE RIM OF SPACE ITSELF... WHERE...
WE'LL TRAVEL ACROSS THE GULF OF SPACE BETWEEN PLANETS IN ABOUT A MINUTE, WONDER WOMAN! SO YOU'D BETTER TAKE A DEEP BREATH BECAUSE--HERE WE GO!

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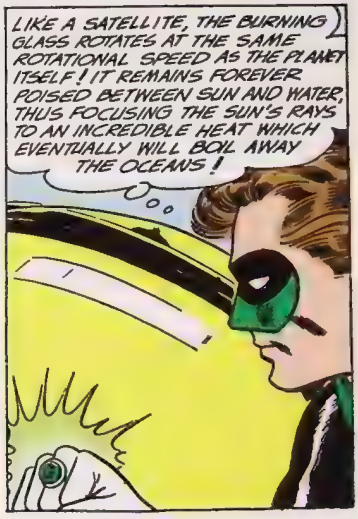
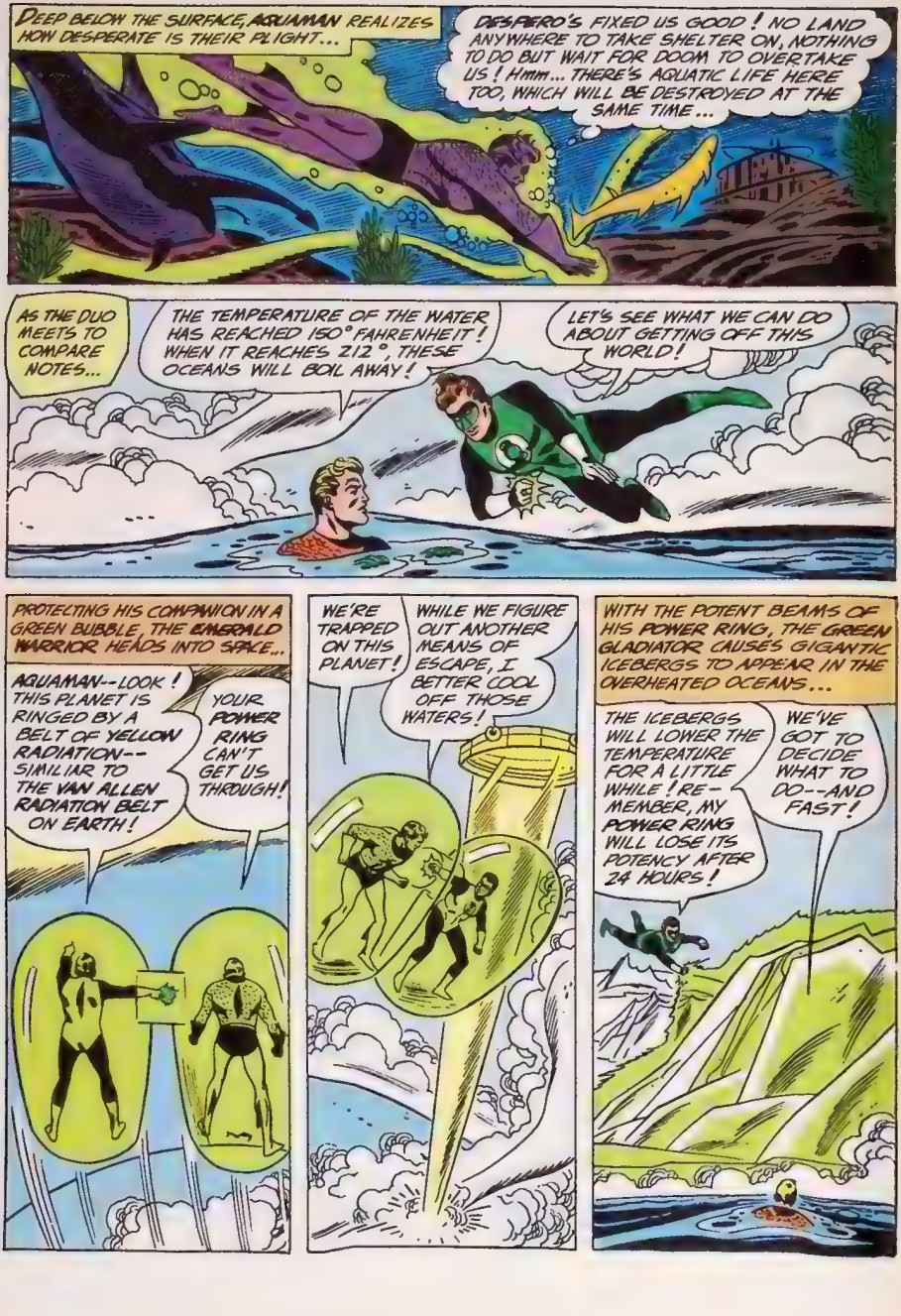
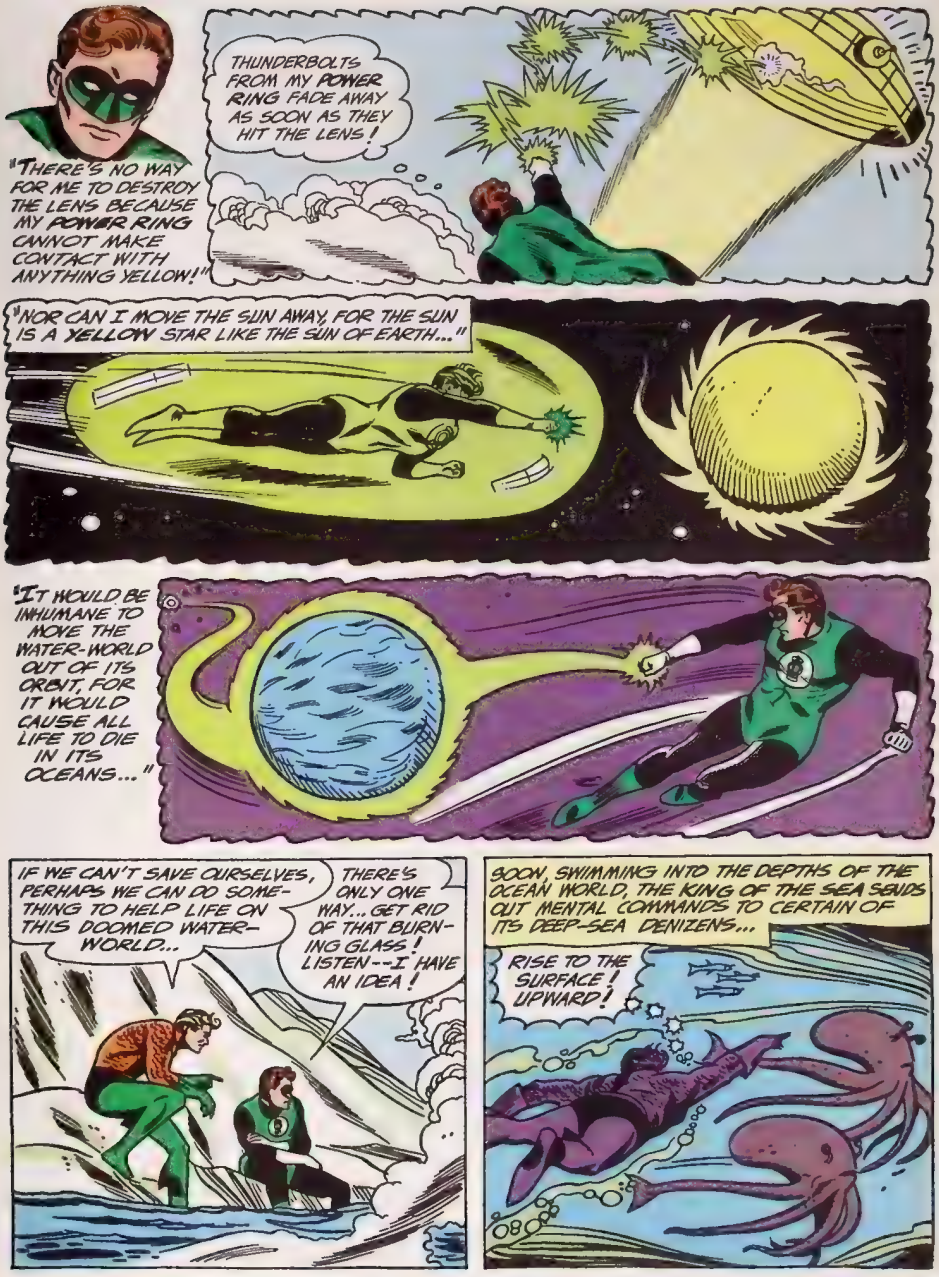
AN INSTANT AFTER BEING TELEPORTED OUT OF THEIR CHAIRS IN THE SECRET SANCTUARY OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, GREEN LANTERN AND AQUAMAN FIND THEMSELVES STRUGGLING FOR SURVIVAL ON THE WATER-WORLD OF THANAKON...

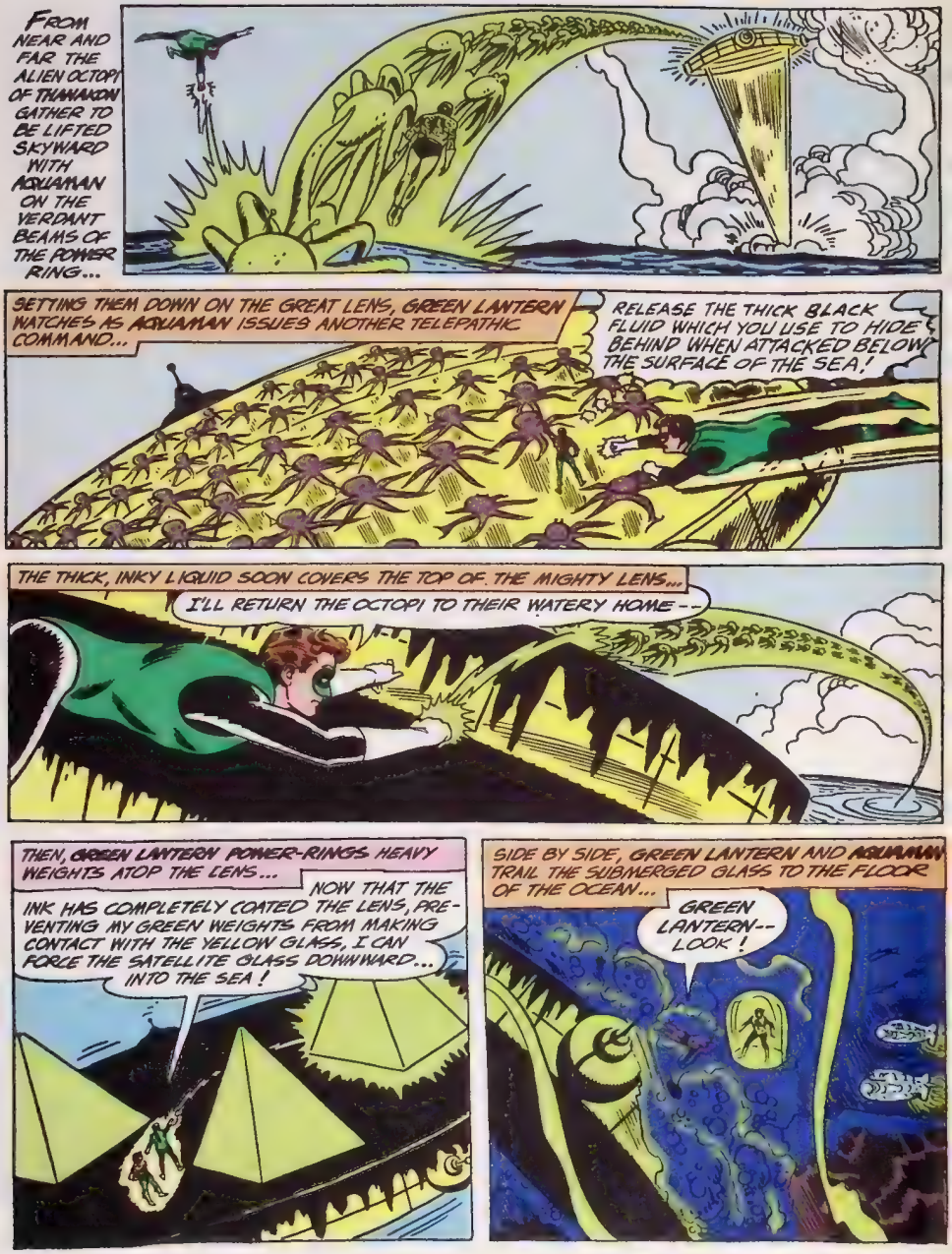
THIS DIMENSIONAL WORLD IS ALL WATER--AND IT'S GETTING HOTTER ALL THE TIME!
THAT HUGE BURNING GLASS HIGH IN THE SKY IS FOCUSING THE SUN'S RAYS ON THE WATER--CAUSING IT TO BOIL OVER AND EVAPORATE!

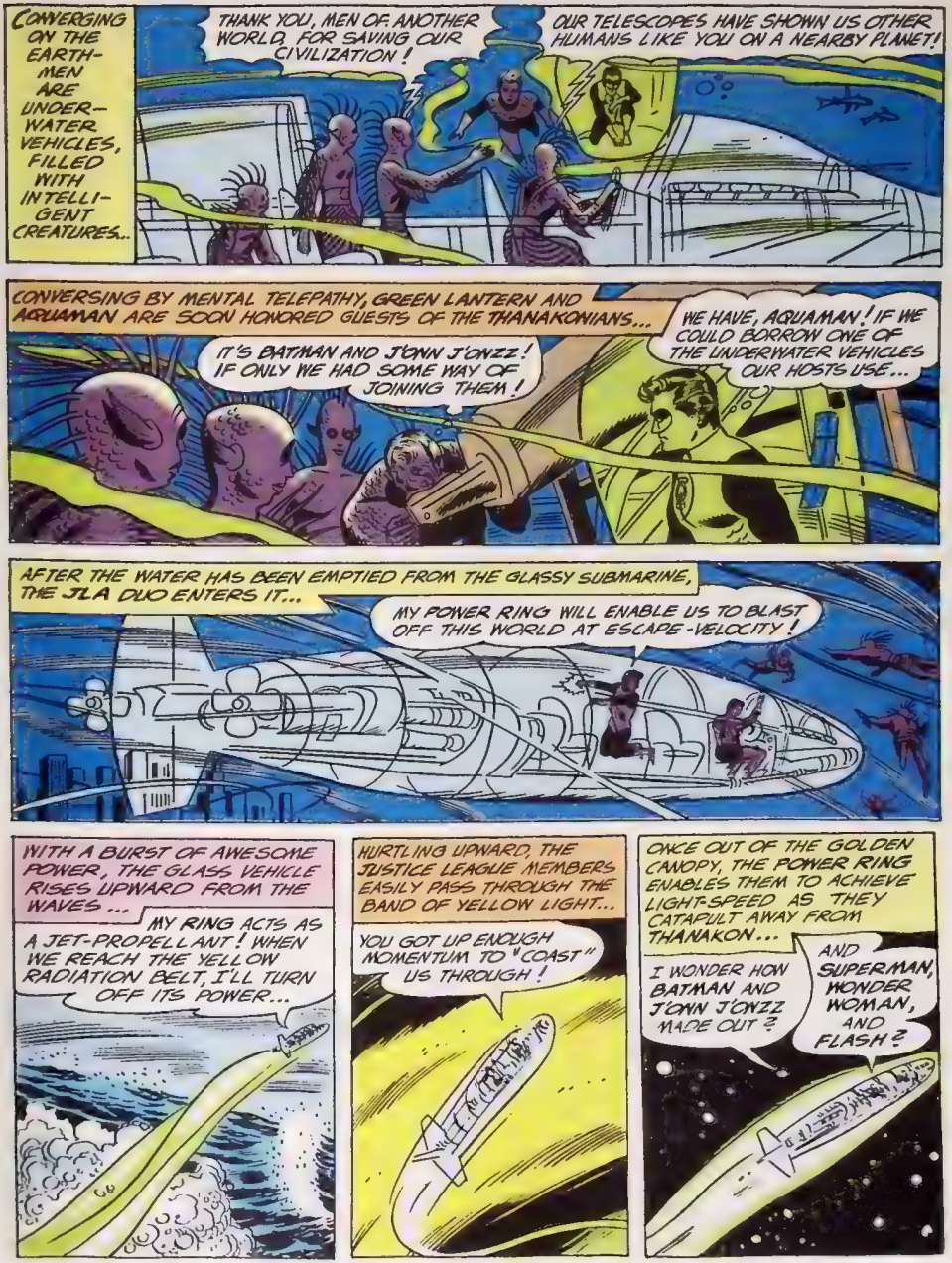
UPWARD INTO THE SKY ABOVE THE MIGHTY OCEANIC PLANET SOARS GREEN LANTERN...
THE LENS OVERHEATING THE OCEAN BELOW IS GOLDEN YELLOW--MY RING IS POWERLESS AGAINST IT!


LIKE A SATELLITE, THE BURNING GLASS ROTATES AT THE SAME ROTATIONAL SPEED AS THE PLANET ITSELF! IT REMAINS FOREVER POISED BETWEEN SUN AND WATER, THUS FOCUSING THE SUN'S RAYS TO AN INCREDIBLE HEAT WHICH EVENTUALLY WILL BOIL AWAY THE OCEANS!


DEEP BELOW THE SURFACE, AQUAMAN REALIZES HOW DESPERATE IS THEIR PLIGHT...
DESPERO'S FIXED US GOOD! NO LAND ANYWHERE TO TAKE SHELTER ON, NOTHING TO DO BUT WAIT FOR DOOM TO OVERTAKE US! Hmm... THERE'S AQUATIC LIFE HERE TOO, WHICH WILL BE DESTROYED AT THE SAME TIME...
AS THE DUO MEETS TO COMPARE NOTES...
THE TEMPERATURE OF THE WATER HAS REACHED 150° FAHRENHEIT! WHEN IT REACHES 212°, THESE OCEANS WILL BOIL AWAY!
LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT GETTING OFF THIS WORLD!
PROTECTING HIS COMPANION IN A GREEN BUBBLE, THE EMERALD WARRIOR HEADS INTO SPACE...
AQUAMAN--LOOK! THIS PLANET IS RINGED BY A BELT OF YELLOW RADIATION--SIMILIAR TO THE VAN ALLEN RADIATION BELT ON EARTH!
YOUR POWER RING CAN'T GET US THROUGH!
WE'RE TRAPPED ON THIS PLANET!
WHILE WE FIGURE OUT ANOTHER MEANS OF ESCAPE, I BETTER COOL OFF THOSE WATERS!
WITH THE POTENT BEAMS OF HIS POWER RING, THE GREEN GLADIATOR CAUSES GIGANTIC ICEBERGS TO APPEAR IN THE OVERHEATED OCEANS...
THE ICEBERGS WILL LOWER THE TEMPERATURE FOR A LITTLE WHILE! REMEMBER, MY POWER RING WILL LOSE ITS POTENCY AFTER 24 HOURS!
WE'VE GOT TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO--AND FAST!


"THERE'S NO WAY FOR ME TO DESTROY THE LENS BECAUSE MY POWER RING CANNOT MAKE CONTACT WITH ANYTHING YELLOW!"
THUNDERBOLTS FROM MY POWER RING FADE AWAY AS SOON AS THEY HIT THE LENS!
"NOR CAN I MOVE THE SUN AWAY, FOR THE SUN IS A YELLOW STAR LIKE THE SUN OF EARTH..."
"IT WOULD BE INHUMANE TO MOVE THE WATER-WORLD OUT OF ITS ORBIT, FOR IT WOULD CAUSE ALL LIFE TO DIE IN ITS OCEANS..."
IF WE CAN'T SAVE OURSELVES, PERHAPS WE CAN DO SOMETHING TO HELP LIFE ON THIS DOOMED WATER-WORLD..
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY.. GET RID OF THAT BURNING GLASS! LISTEN--I HAVE AN IDEA!
SOON, SWIMMING INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE OCEAN WORLD, THE KING OF THE SEA SENDS OUT MENTAL COMMANDS TO CERTAIN OF ITS DEEP-SEA DENIZENS...
RISE TO THE SURFACE! UPWARD!

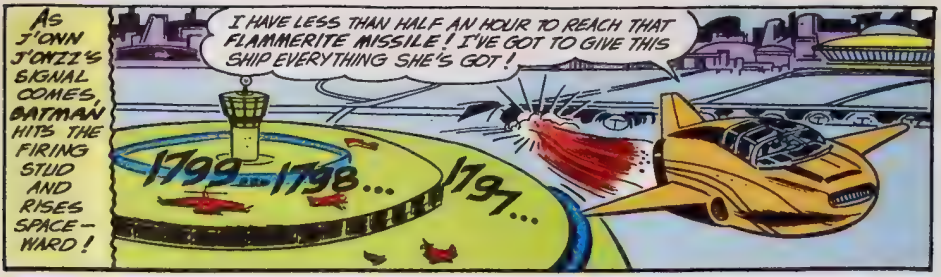

FROM NEAR AND FAR THE ALIEN OCTOPI OF THAWAXON GATHER TO BE LIFTED SKYWARD WITH AQUAMAN ON THE VERDANT BEAMS OF THE POWER RING...
SETTING THEM DOWN ON THE GREAT LENS, GREEN LANTERN WATCHES AS AQUAMAN ISSUES ANOTHER TELEPATHIC COMMAND...
RELEASE THE THICK BLACK FLUID WHICH YOU USE TO HIDE BEHIND WHEN ATTACKED BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE SEA!
THE THICK, INKY LIQUID SOON COVERS THE TOP OF THE MIGHTY LENS...
I'LL RETURN THE OCTOPI TO THEIR WATERY HOME--
THEN, GREEN LANTERN POWER-RINGS HEAVY WEIGHTS ATOP THE LENS...
NOW THAT THE INK HAS COMPLETELY COATED THE LENS, PREVENTING MY GREEN WEIGHTS FROM MAKING CONTACT WITH THE YELLOW GLASS, I CAN FORCE THE SATELLITE GLASS DOWNWARD... INTO THE SEA!
SIDE BY SIDE, GREEN LANTERN AND AQUAMAN TRAIL THE SUBMERGED GLASS TO THE FLOOR OF THE OCEAN...
GREEN LANTERN-- LOOK!

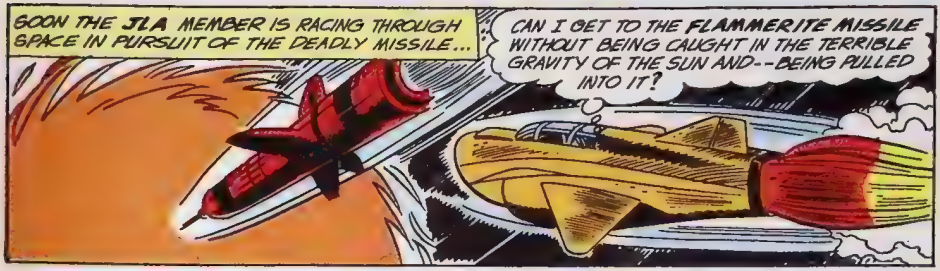

CONVERGING ON THE EARTH-MEN ARE UNDER-WATER VEHICLES, FILLED WITH INTELLI-GENT CREATURES..
THANK YOU, MEN OF ANOTHER WORLD, FOR SAVING OUR CIVILIZATION!
OUR TELESCOPES HAVE SHOWN US OTHER HUMANS LIKE YOU ON A NEARBY PLANET!
CONVERSING BY MENTAL TELEPATHY, GREEN LANTERN AND AQUAMAN ARE SOON HONORED GUESTS OF THE THANAKONIANS...
IT'S BATMAN AND J'ONN J'ONZZ! IF ONLY WE HAD SOME WAY OF JOINING THEM!
WE HAVE, AQUAMAN! IF WE COULD BORROW ONE OF THE UNDERWATER VEHICLES OUR HOSTS USE...
AFTER THE WATER HAS BEEN EMPTIED FROM THE GLASSY SUBMARINE, THE JLA DUO ENTERS IT...
MY POWER RING WILL ENABLE US TO BLAST OFF THIS WORLD AT ESCAPE-VELOCITY!
WITH A BURST OF AWESOME POWER, THE GLASS VEHICLE RISES UPWARD FROM THE WAVES...
MY RING ACTS AS A JET-PROPELLANT! WHEN WE REACH THE YELLOW RADIATION BELT, I'LL TURN OFF ITS POWER...
HURTLING UPWARD, THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS EASILY PASS THROUGH THE BAND OF YELLOW LIGHT...
YOU GOT UP ENOUGH MOMENTUM TO "COAST" US THROUGH!
ONCE OUT OF THE GOLDEN CANOPY, THE POWER RING ENABLES THEM TO ACHIEVE LIGHT-SPEED AS THEY CATAPULT AWAY FROM THANAKON...
I WONDER HOW BATMAN AND J'ONN J'ONZZ MADE OUT?
AND SUPERMAN, WONDER WOMAN, AND FLASH?

WORLD OF NO RETURN CHAPTER 4
3600...
3599...
3598...
I DON'T KNOW WHERE DESPERO HAS TELEPORTED ME--BUT I HEAR A VOICE CALLING OUT NUMBERS IN SOME SORT OF COUNTDOWN...
WHERE IS THIS CITY?--WHERE ARE ITS INHABITANTS? AND WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THAT TELEPATHIC VOICE SOUNDING OUT THOSE NUMBERS?
AS THEY EMERGE OUT OF THE TELEPORTATION BEAM, BATMAN AND J'ONN J'ONZZ FIND THEMSELVES IN A SUPER-CITY OF A HIGHLY DEVELOPED CIVILIZATION, LISTENING TO A VOICE BOOMING NUMBERS AT THEM...
SUDDENLY THE TWO MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE COME FACE TO FACE...
J'ONN J'ONZZ! MAYBE YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE?
3597...
3596...
3595...
NO, BATMAN--I JUST ARRIVED!
A NEW VOICE BREAKS IN ON THEM WITH A TELEPATHIC MESSAGE...
YOU ARE HEARING A COUNTDOWN OF DOOM! EVEN NOW A MISSILE OF FLAMMERITE IS HEADING TOWARD OUR SUN! IN 3592 SECONDS WHEN IT HITS, THE SUN WILL EXPLODE--AND THIS WORLD OF NARX WILL TURN INTO A CINDER!
3594...
3593...
3592...

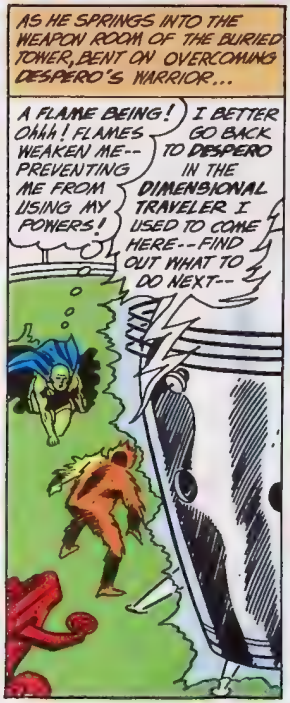
WHY DON'T YOU DO SOME EXPLODING YOURSELVES? BLAST THE MISSILE OUT OF SPACE?
LONG AGO, WE HAD UNIVERSAL DISARMAMENT ON NARX! WE GAVE UP WAR COMPLETELY! WE HAVE NO WEAPONS OF DESTRUCTION!
YOU MUST HAVE SPACESHIPS! FLY IT AFTER THE DEADLY MISSILE--NUDGE IT OFF COURSE, AWAY FROM THE SUN...
TURN AROUND, GENTLEMEN! I'LL SHOW YOU WHY WE CAN'T USE OUR SPACESHIPS!
DESPERO HAS STATIONED ONE OF HIS CREATURES IN THAT TOWER TO SHOOT DOWN ANY SHIP WE SEND INTO SPACE! LACKING WEAPONS, WE HAVE NO WAY OF ATTACKING THE TOWER TO STOP HIM!
LOOKS AS IF DESPERO IS DESTROYING THIS WORLD JUST TO GET RID OF US!
WE'VE GOT TO SAVE THESE INNOCENT PEOPLE--AS WELL AS OURSELVES!
AFTER THE JLA DUO QUICKLY FORMULATES A PLAN...
I'LL TACKLE THAT METAL TOWER AND ITS RAY-GUN, BATMAN...
--WHILE I LEARN HOW TO FLY A NARX SPACESHIP FROM OUR FRIEND HERE! AS SOON AS I GET YOUR SIGNAL, I'LL TAKE OFF AFTER THE DOOM-MISSILE!
AS HE RACES TOWARD THE STRANGE TOWER, THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER TWISTS AND TURNS TO ESCAPE THE BOLTS OF DESTRUCTIVE FORCE THROWN AT HIM BY THE TOWER RAY-GUN...
ACCORDING TO THAT COUNTDOWN, WE HAVE 3400 SECONDS TO STOP THAT MISSILE!
3401...3400...

WITH HIS MARTIAN SUPER-BREATH, J'ONN J'ONZZ HURLS HURRICANE WINDS AT THE TOWER...
I'M HUFFING AND PUFFING--BUT CAN'T BLOW THAT TOWER DOWN!
MOULDING ROCKS AND CHUNKS OF METAL INTO MIGHTY CANNON BALLS, HE HURLS THEM WITH EXPLOSIVE FORCE, ONLY TO SEE THEM SHATTER HARMLESSLY ON THE METAL WALLS...
MY ONLY HOPE IS TO GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO USE MY SUPER-STRENGTH!
TURNING AWAY, THE MARTIAN BEGINS DIGGING DEEP INTO THE GROUND...
IF I CAN'T GET TO THE TOWER, I'LL BRING THE TOWER TO ME!
MY SUPER-STRENGTH IS GENERATING SUCH HEAT AND PRESSURE, THE DIRT I'M DISLODGING IS BEING FUSED TO THE WALLS OF THE TUNNEL!
AS MORE AND MORE DIRT IS SWEPT AWAY FROM BENEATH THE METAL BUILDING, IT BEGINS SINKING INTO THE GROUND, DEEPER AND DEEPER...
ONCE THE TOWER IS COMPLETELY UNDERGROUND, THE CREATURE FIRING THE WEAPON WON'T SEE BATMAN TAKING OFF INTO SPACE...! I'LL SIGNAL HIM TO GET GOING...


AS J'ONN J'ONZZ'S SIGNAL COMES, BATMAN HITS THE FIRING STUD AND RISES SPACE-WARD!
I HAVE LESS THAN HALF AN HOUR TO REACH THAT FLAMMERITE MISSILE! I'VE GOT TO GIVE THIS SHIP EVERYTHING SHE'S GOT!
1799... 1798... 1797...


SOON THE JLA MEMBER IS RACING THROUGH SPACE IN PURSUIT OF THE DEADLY MISSILE...
CAN I GET TO THE FLAMMERITE MISSILE WITHOUT BEING CAUGHT IN THE TERRIBLE GRAVITY OF THE SUN AND--BEING PULLED INTO IT?

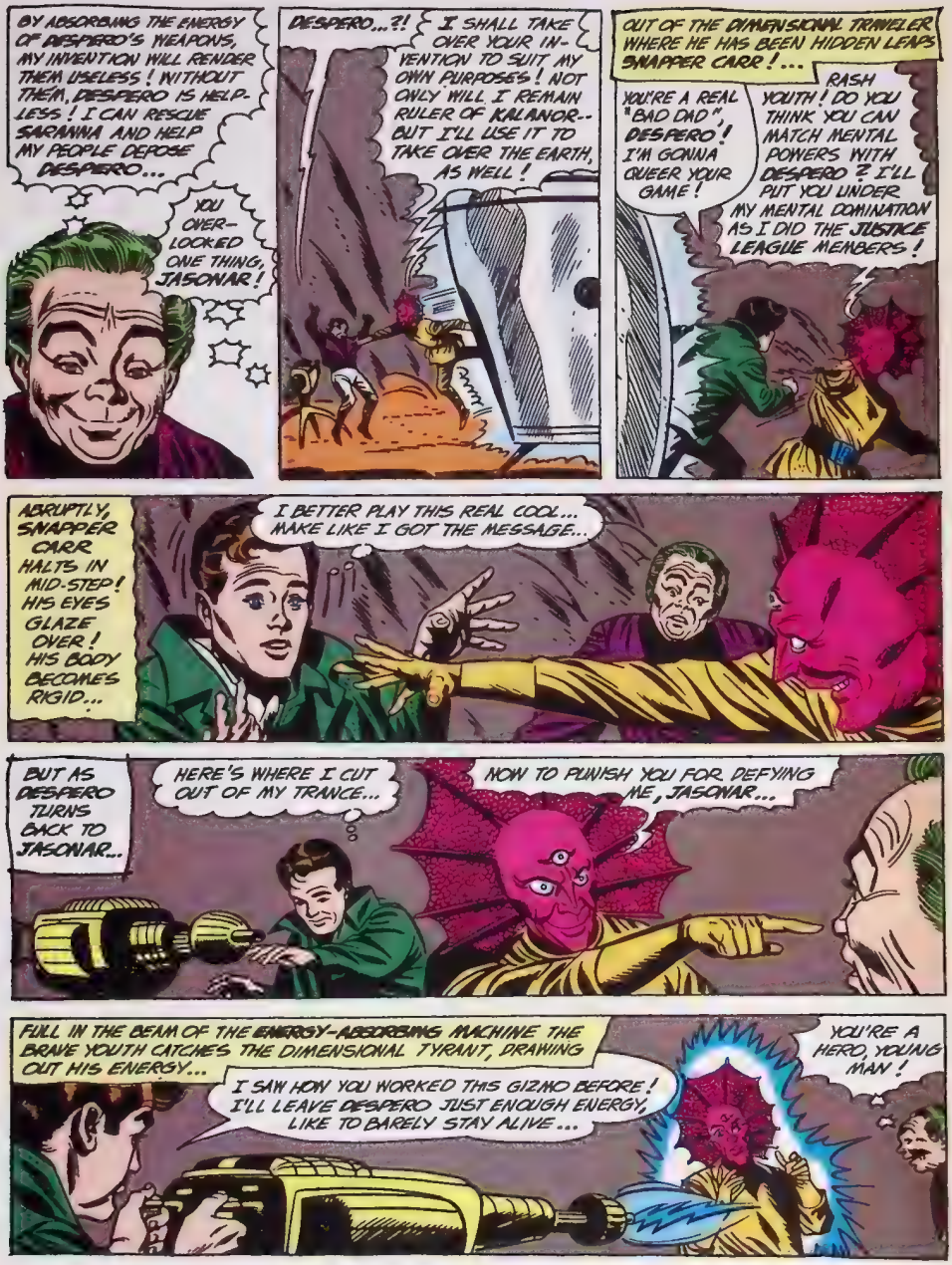
MEANWHILE, FROM BELOW THE METAL TOWER, J'ONN J'ONZZ IS RIPPING AT ITS PLATES WITH MIGHTY HANDS, TEARING THEM AS IF THEY WERE MADE OF PAPER...
WHOEVER BUILT THE TOWER DIDN'T MAKE ITS BOTTOM PART AS STRONG AS ITS WALLS, NEVER EXPECTING AN ATTACK FROM THIS DIRECTION!


AS HE SPRINGS INTO THE WEAPON ROOM OF THE BURIED TOWER, BENT ON OVERCOMING DESPERO'S WARRIOR...
A FLAME BEING! Ohhh! FLAMES WEAKEN ME--PREVENTING ME FROM USING MY POWERS!
I BETTER GO BACK TO DESPERO IN THE DIMENSIONAL TRAVELER I USED TO COME HERE--FIND OUT WHAT TO DO NEXT--

AS THE FLAME-CREATURE SEES THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER FALL TO HIS KNEES...
MY ATTACKER... HAS COLLAPSED... THIS IS MY CHANCE TO FINISH HIM OFF!
AT LEAST I SENT THE SIGNAL TO BATMAN! THE WORLD OF NARX WILL BE SAVED... NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO ME!

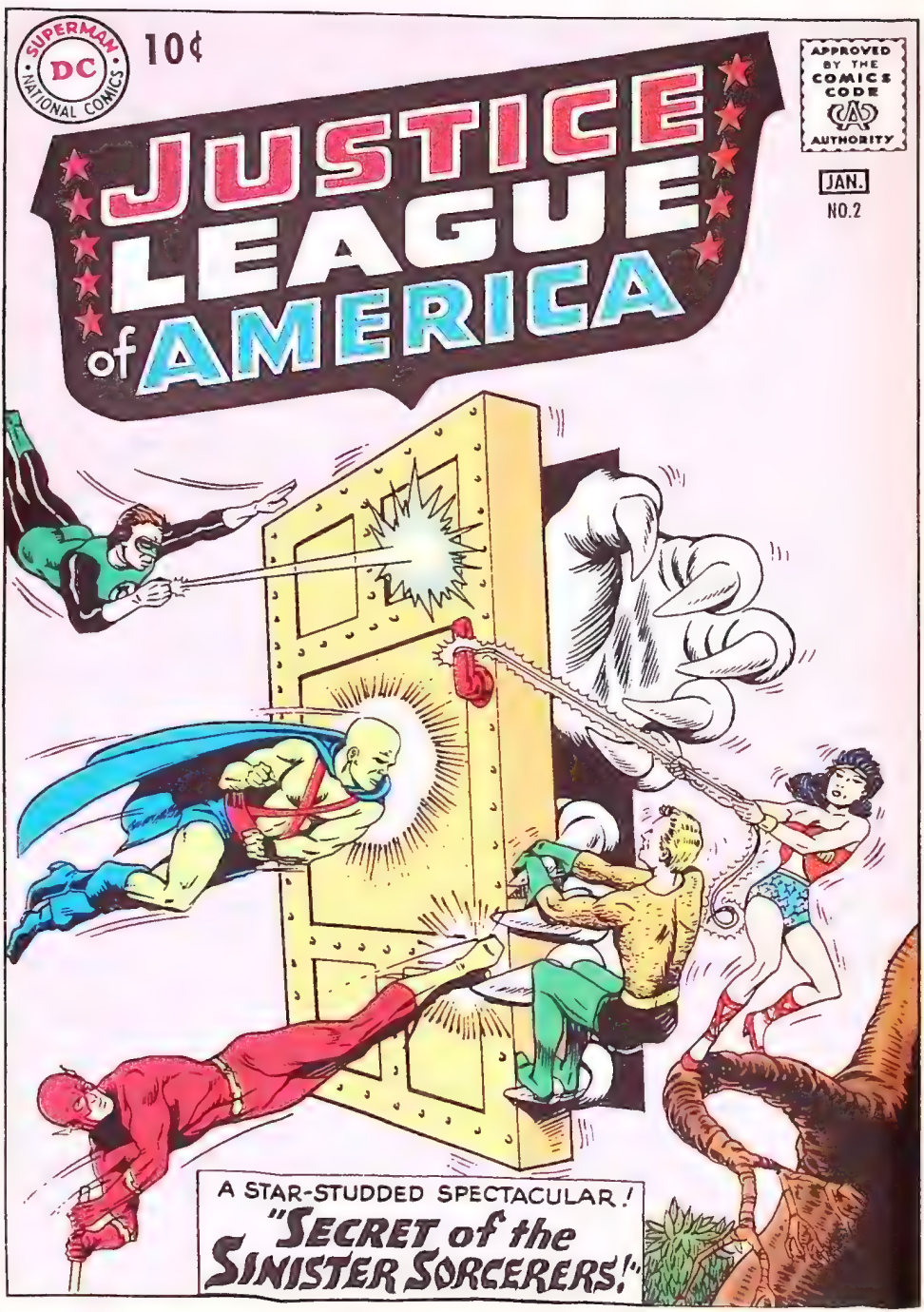
AND THEN, SEEMINGLY OUT OF NOWHERE, A MIGHTY WIND RISES, RUSHING AROUND AND AROUND THE FLAME-BEING...
WHERE DID THAT WIND COME FROM HERE INSIDE THE TOWER ? IT IS "COOLING OFF" THAT FLAME-CREATURE... SAVING MY LIFE !
TERRIBLE WINDS.. PARALYZING ME !
AT THAT MOMENT, FAR OUT IN SPACE, BATMAN'S SPACESHIP GENTLY JOGS THE MISSILE...
NOW THE MISSILE WILL GO INTO ORBIT AROUND THE SUN... NO LONGER A MENACE !
IN THE TOWER J'ONN J'ONZZ WATCHES AS THE WHIRLWIND SPEED-LINES SLOW DOWN TO REVEAL...
FLASH ! HOW DID YOU GET HERE ?
I FOUND MYSELF TELEPORTED TO THIS WORLD JUST IN TIME TO SEE THIS TOWER SINKING INTO THE GROUND...
I RACED IN TO SEE IF I COULD RESCUE ANYONE, NEVER DREAMING I'D BE PUTTING THE CHILL ON A FLAME—CREATURE !
FLASH, THE DIMENSIONAL TRAVELER THERE... WE CAN USE IT TO GET BACK TO OUR WORLD ! IF ONLY WE COULD CONTACT THE OTHER TELEPORTED JLA MEMBERS !
MOVING FROM THE TOWER TO THE SURFACE OF NARX, FLASH AND J'ONN J'ONZZ ARE SURPRISED TO SEE...
WHY, HERE THEY COME NOW ! SUPERMAN AND WONDER WOMAN !
GREEN LANTERN WITH AQUAMAN--AND BATMAN ON THE RUN ! GOOD ! NOW WE CAN ALL RETURN TOGETHER IN THE DIMENSIONAL TRAVELER... AND COME TO GRIPS WITH DESPERO !

WORLD OF NO RETURN
CHAPTER 5
AT LAST! MY SONOSCILLATOR HAS PICKED UP JASONAR AND THE ANTI-WEAPON WHERE FLASH HID THEM!
WHILE THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN HAVING THEIR ADVENTURES IN THE DIMENSIONAL WORLDS, DESPERO HAS BEEN CRISSCROSSING THE EARTH IN A DESPERATE EFFORT TO FIND JASONAR AND HIS INVENTION...
IN HIS CAVE HIDEOUT, THE MAN FROM KALANOR HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED HIS MISSION...
THE ENERGY-ABSORBER IS FINALLY READY FOR TESTING! I'LL TRAIN IT ON THAT UNDERGROUND STREAM!
THE MOTOR THROBS TO LIFE AND AN INSTANT LATER...
IT WORKS! IT ABSORBED ALL ENERGY FROM THE STREAM--MAKING THE WATER COME TO A HALT! NOW I'M READY TO EMPLOY IT AGAINST DESPERO AND HIS DEADLY WEAPONS!


BY ABSORBING THE ENERGY OF DESPERO'S WEAPONS, MY INVENTION WILL RENDER THEM USELESS! WITHOUT THEM, DESPERO IS HELPLESS! I CAN RESCUE SARANNA AND HELP MY PEOPLE DEPOSE DESPERO...
YOU OVERLOOKED ONE THING, JASONAR!
DESPERO...?!
I SHALL TAKE OVER YOUR INVENTION TO SUIT MY OWN PURPOSES! NOT ONLY WILL I REMAIN RULER OF KALANOR--BUT I'LL USE IT TO TAKE OVER THE EARTH, AS WELL!
OUT OF THE DIMENSIONAL TRAVELER WHERE HE HAS BEEN HIDDEN LEAPS SNAPPER CARR!...
YOU'RE A REAL "BAD DAD", DESPERO! I'M GONNA QUEER YOUR GAME!
RASH YOUTH! DO YOU THINK YOU CAN MATCH MENTAL POWERS WITH DESPERO? I'LL PUT YOU UNDER MY MENTAL DOMINATION AS I DID THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS!
ABRUPTLY, SNAPPER CARR HALTS IN MID-STEP! HIS EYES GLAZE OVER! HIS BODY BECOMES RIGID...
I BETTER PLAY THIS REAL COOL... MAKE LIKE I GOT THE MESSAGE...
BUT AS DESPERO TURNS BACK TO JASONAR...
HERE'S WHERE I CUT OUT OF MY TRANCE...
NOW TO PUNISH YOU FOR DEFYING ME, JASONAR...
FULL IN THE BEAM OF THE ENERGY-ABSORBING MACHINE THE BRAVE YOUTH CATCHES THE DIMENSIONAL TYRANT, DRAWING OUT HIS ENERGY...
I SAW HOW YOU WORKED THIS GIZMO BEFORE! I'LL LEAVE DESPERO JUST ENOUGH ENERGY, LIKE TO BARELY STAY ALIVE...
YOU'RE A HERO, YOUNG MAN!

SOME HERO! I COULDN'T HELP GET THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS BACK! I MAY NEVER--SEE THEM AGAIN!
DON'T BE DOWNHEARTED, SNAPPER! WE WOULDN'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN!
STARTLED, THE YOUTH WHIRLS TO SEE...
THE JLA! YOU'RE ALL BACK FROM THE DIMENSIONAL WORLDS! I'M ROCKING ALONG ON CLOUD NINE!
SNAP!
SNAP!
MOMENTS LATER, JASONAR TAKES THE HELPLESS DESPERO, TOGETHER WITH THE ANTI-WEAPON DEVICE, INTO THE DIMENSIONAL TRAVELER TO RETURN TO KALANOR...
I'M GOING NOW! THANKS FOR EVERYTHING! DESPERO WILL BE PUNISHED AS HE DESERVES!
ONE THING STILL BUGS ME! HOW! COME DESPERO'S HYPNOTIC EYE DIDN'T AFFECT ME?
JUST AS I WAS IMMUNE TO DESPERO'S MENTAL DOMINATION BECAUSE I HAD ABSORBED THE BLUE GLOW OF JASONAR'S DIMENSIONAL TRAVELER--SO YOU, SNAPPER, WERE IMMUNE BECAUSE YOU HAD ABSORBED THE BLUE GLOW WHILE INSIDE DESPERO'S TRAVELER!
CRAZY, MAN--CRAZY!!
SNAP!
SNAP!
JLA END

JUSTICE LEAGUE of AMERICA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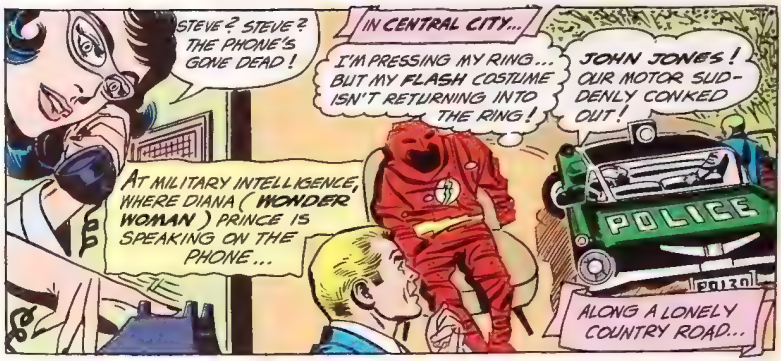
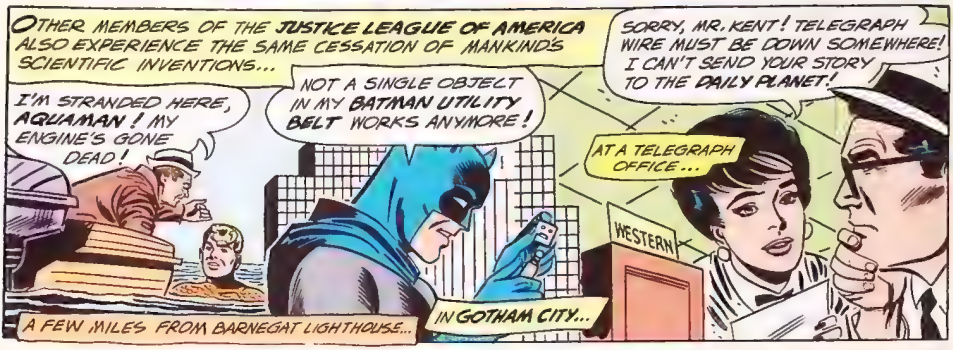
A STAR-STUDDED SPECTACULAR!
"SECRET of the SINISTER SORCERERS!"

JUSTICE LEAGUE of AMERICA
I FEEL RIDICULOUS TRYING TO WORK MAGIC LIKE THIS...
SILLY OR NOT, FLASH, THE SPELL IS WORKING! LOOK! WE'VE SUMMONED UP MERLIN, THE MOST FAMOUS MAGICIAN OF ALL TIME, TO HELP US!
Roll Call IN ORDER OF THEIR APPEARANCE...
GREEN LANTERN
WONDER WOMAN
FLASH
J'ONN J'ONZZ
AQUAMAN
BATMAN
SUPERMAN
CRIME-FIGHTERS BEYOND COMPARE! FOES OF ALL EVIL, WHETHER IT COMES FROM LAND, SEA OR AIR! ENEMIES OF INJUSTICE AND THE TERROR OF ALL WRONG-DOERS--THESE ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA! SUDDENLY THE SUPER-HEROES FIND THE EARTH HAS BECOME A WORLD OF CHAOS WHERE NOTHING SCIENTIFIC WORKS AND ONLY MAGIC HOLDS SWAY! TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE EVIL MENACE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS DISASTER, THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MUST FIND THE DOORWAY TO MAGIC-LAND!
SECRET OF THE SINISTER SORCERERS!

AT THE ANNUAL MAGIC SOCIETY CONVENTION, MANDINI THE MAGE IS PERFORMING A FEAT IN LEGERDEMAIN...
IN HONOR OF OUR SPECIAL GUEST, GREEN LANTERN, I SHALL FORM A LIVING HUMAN BEING OUT OF SMOKE...
AMAZINGLY, THE SMOKE FORMS ITSELF INTO THE FIGURE OF A LOVELY MAIDEN...
BLUE SMOKE...GREY SMOKE... WHITE SMOKE...SWIRL! FETCH ME NOW A LIVING GIRL!
ORDINARILY, OF COURSE, WE MAGICIANS DO NOT EXPLAIN OUR TRICKS! BUT FOR GREEN LANTERN'S BENEFIT, I WILL REVEAL HOW THIS ONE WAS DONE! CONCEALED IN THE FLOOR BENEATH THE SMOKE IS A TRAP DOOR! PERMIT ME TO DEMONSTRATE...
I LIFT THE TRAP DOOR SO--WHY, IT'S LOCKED!
MANDINI--WAIT! DON'T TRY YOUR MAGIC STUNT YET! THE TRAP DOOR IS LOCKED AND--I'VE MISPLACED THE KEY!
CRIES OF AMAZEMENT BURST FROM THE LIPS OF THE ONLOOKERS...
IF THE TRAP DOOR WAS LOCKED--
--HOW'D YOU DO THE TRICK?
I...DON'T KNOW! IT'S ALMOST AS IF I DID IT WITH--REAL MAGIC!
ODD! THE ELECTRIC LIGHTS WON'T GO ON--EVEN THOUGH I'VE THROWN THE SWITCH!
CLICK! CLICK!


AT THIS MOMENT AN EERIE HUSH FALLS ACROSS A PUZZLED EARTH! FOR NEITHER IN CITY NOR COUNTRY, NOT ON LAND, IN THE AIR, NOR IN THE SEA, DOES ANY MAN-MADE INVENTION PERFORM ITS FUNCTION...
STEVE? STEVE? THE PHONE'S GONE DEAD!
AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, WHERE DIANA (WONDER WOMAN) PRINCE IS SPEAKING ON THE PHONE...
IN CENTRAL CITY...
I'M PRESSING MY RING... BUT MY FLASH COSTUME ISN'T RETURNING INTO THE RING!
JOHN JONES! OUR MOTOR SUDDENLY CONKED OUT!
POLICE
ALONG A LONELY COUNTRY ROAD...


OTHER MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA ALSO EXPERIENCE THE SAME CESSATION OF MANKIND'S SCIENTIFIC INVENTIONS...
I'M STRANDED HERE, AQUAMAN! MY ENGINE'S GONE DEAD!
NOT A SINGLE OBJECT IN MY BATMAN UTILITY BELT WORKS ANYMORE!
SORRY, MR. KENT! TELEGRAPH WIRE MUST BE DOWN SOMEWHERE! I CAN'T SEND YOUR STORY TO THE DAILY PLANET!
AT A TELEGRAPH OFFICE...
WESTERN
A FEW MILES FROM BARNEGAT LIGHTHOUSE...
IN GOTHAM CITY...

EVEN SNAPPER CARR FALLS VICTIM TO THE UNUSUAL CATASTROPHE...
MAN, THIS IS A REAL DRAG! I'LL NEVER GET THESE PICTURES FOR THE SCHOOL YEARBOOK DEVELOPED NOW!

IN FULL REALIZATION THAT THEY ARE CONFRONTED BY A MYSTERIOUS WORLD — EMERGENCY, EIGHT HANDS PRESS DOWN ON EIGHT SIGNAL BUTTONS... SUMMONING THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA INTO SESSION...
OUR EMERGENCY SIGNALS PROBABLY WON'T WORK EITHER, BUT WE'VE GOT TO TRY! MAYBE THE OTHERS WILL RESPOND ANYWAY!

AT THIS MOMENT, IN ANOTHER WORLD--THE FABLED MERLIN THE MAGICIAN IS ATTEMPTING A MAGICAL INCANTATION...
SKIN OF FROG AND BLOOD OF BAT, EAR OF DOG AND FUR OF CAT, SPIRITS OF THE ASTRAL PLANE, SEND US NOW OUR SPRINGTIME RAIN!
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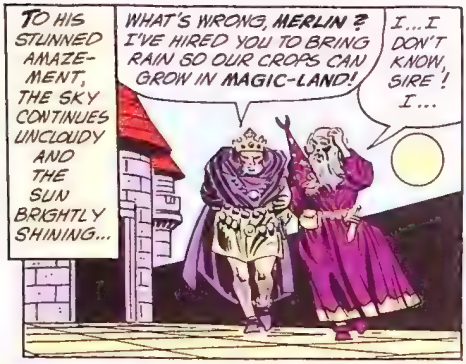
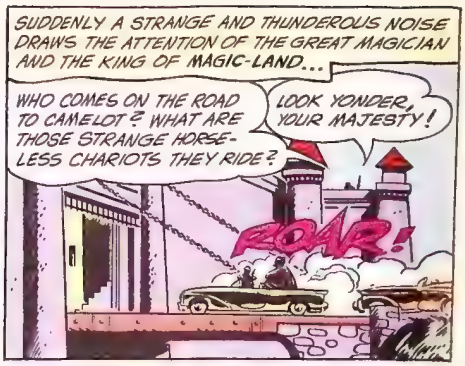
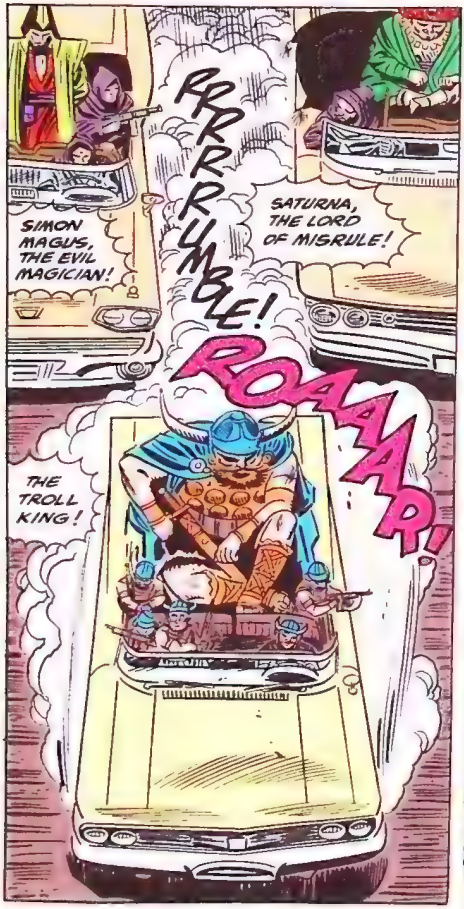
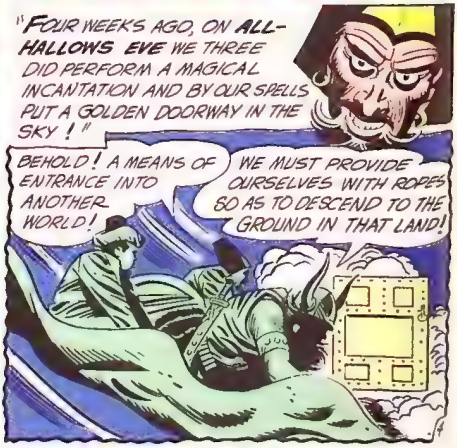

TO HIS STUNNED AMAZEMENT, THE SKY CONTINUES UNCLOUDY AND THE SUN BRIGHTLY SHINING...
WHAT'S WRONG, MERLIN? I'VE HIRED YOU TO BRING RAIN SO OUR CROPS CAN GROW IN MAGIC-LAND!
I...I DON'T KNOW, SIRE! I...


SUDDENLY A STRANGE AND THUNDEROUS NOISE DRAWS THE ATTENTION OF THE GREAT MAGICIAN AND THE KING OF MAGIC-LAND...
WHO COMES ON THE ROAD TO CAMELOT? WHAT ARE THOSE STRANGE HORSELESS CHARIOTS THEY RIDE?
LOOK YONDER, YOUR MAJESTY!
ROAR!

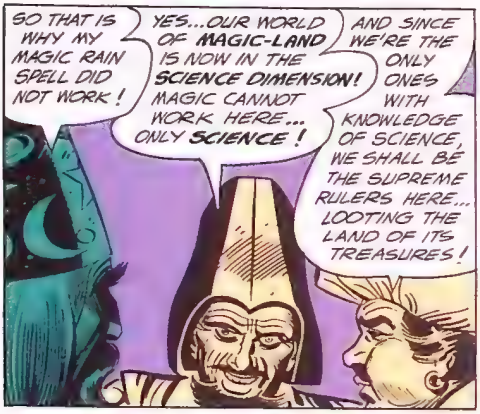

SIMON MAGUS, THE EVIL MAGICIAN!
SATURNA, THE LORD OF MISRULE!
RRRRUMBLE!
ROAAAAR!
THE TROLL KING!

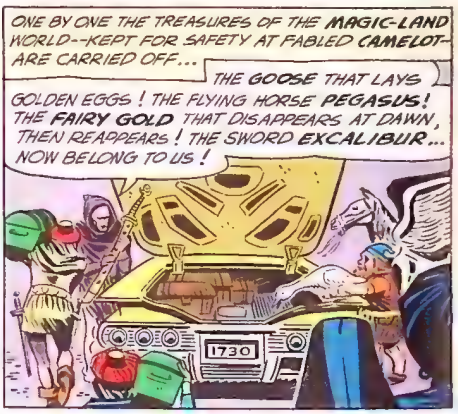
AS MERLIN LIFTS HIS ARM TO BANISH THE TRIO OF EVIL MEN...
BEGONE FOUL SPIRITS OF THE NETHER LAND! BY AIR AND SUN AND THE GLORY HAND!
SAVE YOUR BREATH, MERLIN! MAGIC DOESN'T WORK IN THIS LAND ANY MORE, THANKS TO US!


"FOUR WEEKS AGO, ON ALL-HALLOWS EVE WE THREE DID PERFORM A MAGICAL INCANTATION AND BY OUR SPELLS PUT A GOLDEN DOORWAY IN THE SKY!"
BEHOLD! A MEANS OF ENTRANCE INTO ANOTHER WORLD!
WE MUST PROVIDE OURSELVES WITH ROPES SO AS TO DESCEND TO THE GROUND IN THAT LAND!

"WE FOUND OURSELVES IN A FANTASTIC WORLD--WHERE PEOPLE USED CONVEYANCES CALLED AUTOS AND AIRPLANES--INSTEAD OF WINGED HORSES AND FLYING CARPETS--TO CARRY THEM ABOUT..."
FROM WHAT WE'VE LEARNED HERE, THIS IS A WORLD BASED ON SCIENTIFIC LAW... NOT MAGIC LORE LIKE OURS!
"SECRETLY WE SPENT MANY DAYS IN THIS ODD OTHER-WORLD, LEARNING MUCH OF ITS SCIENCE, AND UPON RETURNING TO MAGIC-LAND WE CONSULTED CERTAIN ANCIENT MAGICAL BOOKS.."
SOMEWHERE WE SHALL FIND THE SPELL WE NEED...
"THE SPELL DISCOVERED, WE GATHERED BY THE LIGHT OF THE FULL MOON AND WITH CERTAIN RARE HERBS AND A PINCH OF ATLANTEAN ORICHALCUM, WE SUMMONED AN EARTH-AUTO INTO OUR WORLD..."
THROUGH SPACE AND TIME, WITH REED AND RHYME, LET BAAL PROCEED TO SERVE OUR NEED!
"MANY TIMES WE WORKED OUR MAGIC UNTIL THE DAY CAME WHEN WE WERE READY TO PERFORM THE MIGHTIEST FEAT OF BLACK MAGIC EVER KNOWN!"
GEOGRAPHICALLY, THE WORLD CALLED EARTH IS A DUPLICATE OF THIS WORLD OF MAGIC-LAND! OUR SCHEME IS TO TRANSPOSE EARTH INTO OUR MAGIC DIMENSION--
ASGARD
OLYMPIA
--AND AT THE SAME TIME SEND MAGIC-LAND INTO THE SCIENCE DIMENSION! SINCE BOTH WORLDS ARE IN EXACTLY THE SAME SECTOR IN SPACE, NO ONE WILL KNOW THE DIFFERENCE UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE!

"FOR A DAY AND A NIGHT WE SUMMONED THE FIENDS OF THE NETHER LANDS TO DO OUR BIDDING! BY A SECRET INCANTATION OF WHICH EACH OF US HELD A THIRD, WE CALLED UPON THEIR AWESOME POWERS..."
WORLDS IN SPACE YOU SHALL DERANGE!
EARTH FOR MAGIC-LAND-EXCHANGE!


SO THAT IS WHY MY MAGIC RAIN SPELL DID NOT WORK!
YES...OUR WORLD OF MAGIC-LAND IS NOW IN THE SCIENCE DIMENSION! MAGIC CANNOT WORK HERE... ONLY SCIENCE!
AND SINCE WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WITH KNOWLEDGE OF SCIENCE, WE SHALL BE THE SUPREME RULERS HERE... LOOTING THE LAND OF ITS TREASURES!


ONE BY ONE THE TREASURES OF THE MAGIC-LAND WORLD--KEPT FOR SAFETY AT FABLED CAMELOT--ARE CARRIED OFF...
THE GOOSE THAT LAYS GOLDEN EGGS! THE FLYING HORSE PEGASUS! THE FAIRY GOLD THAT DISAPPEARS AT DAWN, THEN REAPPEARS! THE SWORD EXCALIBUR... NOW BELONG TO US!
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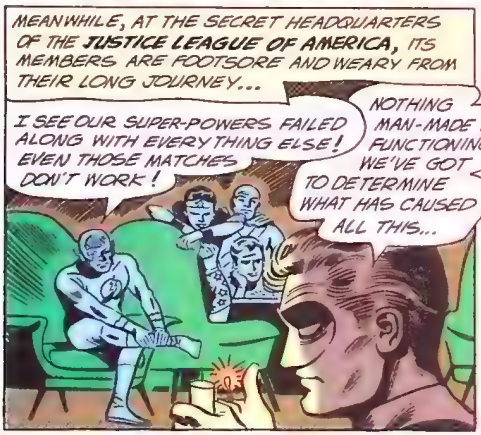
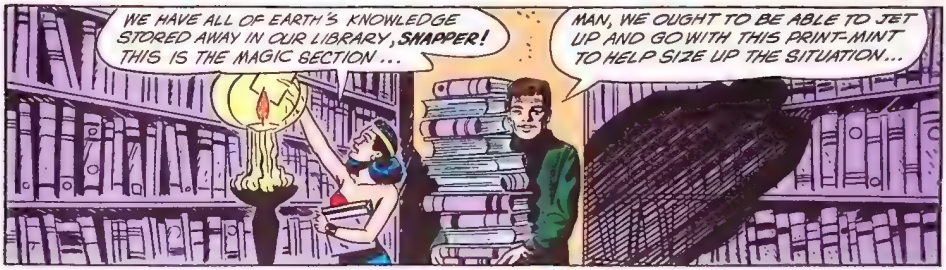

MEANWHILE, AT THE SECRET HEADQUARTERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, ITS MEMBERS ARE FOOTSORE AND WEARY FROM THEIR LONG JOURNEY...
I SEE OUR SUPER-POWERS FAILED ALONG WITH EVERYTHING ELSE! EVEN THOSE MATCHES DON'T WORK!
NOTHING MAN-MADE IS FUNCTIONING! WE'VE GOT TO DETERMINE WHAT HAS CAUSED ALL THIS...

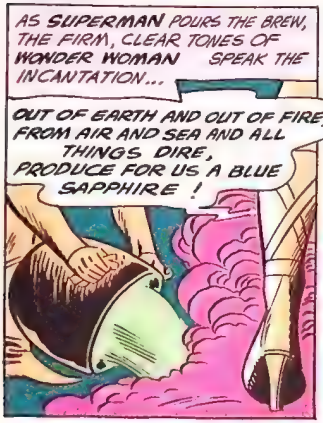
WE'LL BE ON CLOUD NINE IN A JIFF, FELLAS -- SOON AS OUR WICK STICKS GET LIT UP!
HOW DO WE START FINDING OUT WHAT'S BEHIND ALL THIS?
I THINK I HAVE A CLUE!

AFTER THE EMERALD GLADIATOR RELATES HIS STRANGE EXPERIENCE AT THE MAGIC SOCIETY AFFAIR...
...AND IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THE ONLY THING WHICH WILL WORK ON EARTH RIGHT NOW IS--MAGIC!
Hmm...! COME TO THINK OF IT, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT ROBS ME OF MY SUPER-POWERS IS... A MAGIC SPELL!
IT SOUNDS INCREDIBLE BUT ITS WORTH INVESTIGATING! LETS GO TO OUR LIBRARY!

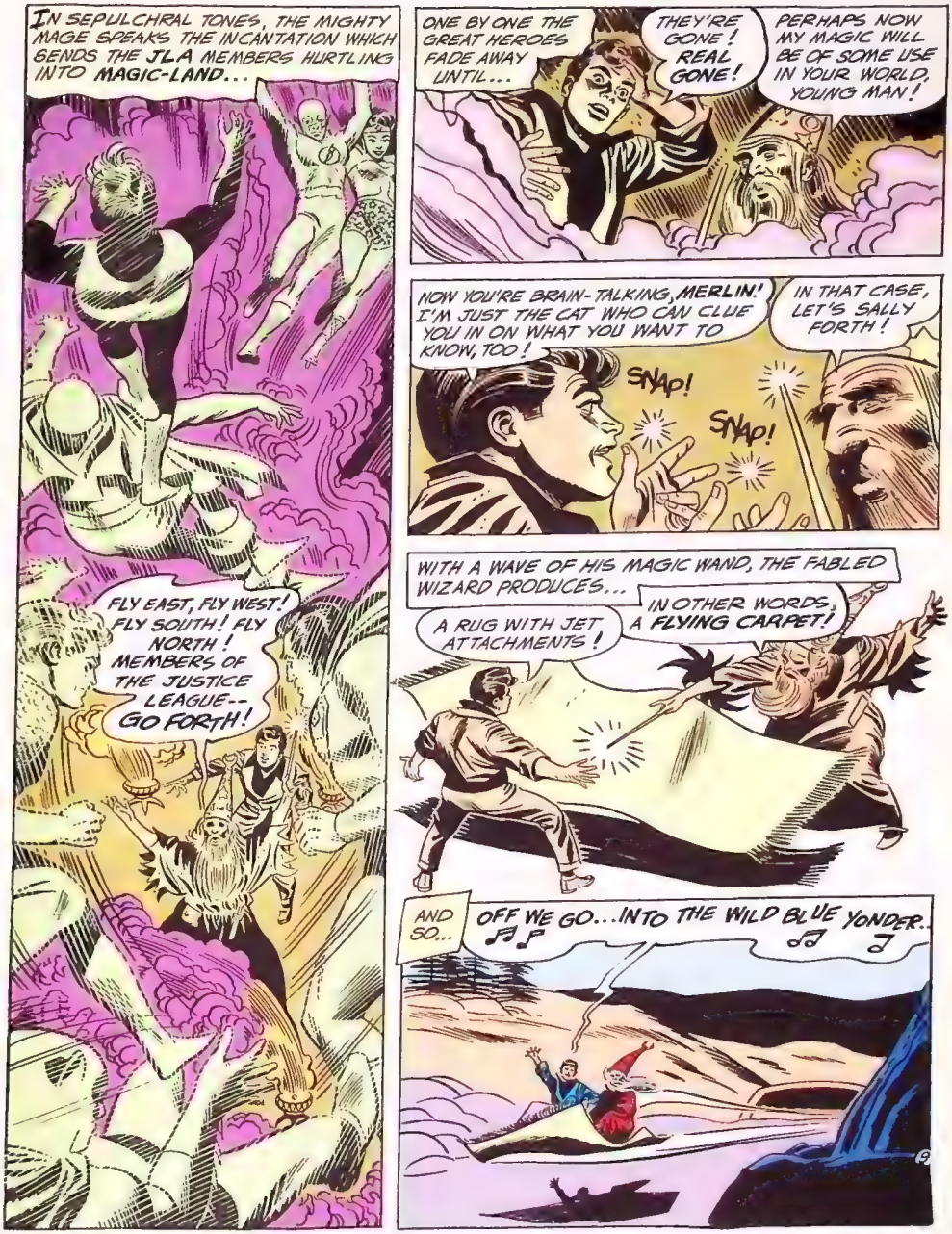

WE HAVE ALL OF EARTH'S KNOWLEDGE STORED AWAY IN OUR LIBRARY, SNAPPER! THIS IS THE MAGIC SECTION...
MAN, WE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO JET UP AND GO WITH THIS PRINT-MINT TO HELP SIZE UP THE SITUATION...

AS WONDER WOMAN READS FROM AN ANCIENT BOOK OF SORCERY, MEMBER AFTER MEMBER TOSSES A CERTAIN INGREDIENT INTO THE WITCHES BREW...

OIL OF HENBANE! POWDERED BATWINGS! CATS' WHISKERS! THE MUMMIFIED FOOT OF A FROG...
I FEEL KIND OF SILLY DOING THIS!
SO DO I, FLASH... BUT WE'VE GOT TO GIVE MAGIC A CHANCE!
SORCERY


AS SUPERMAN POURS THE BREW, THE FIRM, CLEAR TONES OF WONDER WOMAN SPEAK THE INCANTATION...
OUT OF EARTH AND OUT OF FIRE, FROM AIR AND SEA AND ALL THINGS DIRE, PRODUCE FOR US A BLUE SAPPHIRE!

ONCE AGAIN A BREW IS MIXED AND RARE HERBS SHREDDED..
MAN, I DIG THIS MAGIC BIT! IT'S CRAZY!
THERE GOES THE POWDERED CINQUEFOIL!
AND THE MAR-MARITIN LEAVES!
THEN, IN THE RISING MISTS OF THE ENCHANTED FIRES, A GAUNT FIGURE FORMS AND SPEAKS IN RINGING TONES...
WHERE AM I? WHO DARES TRANSPORT MERLIN OUT OF MAGIC-LAND?
AFTER THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS HAVE EXPLAINED THEIR PREDICAMENT, MERLIN RELATES WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN MAGIC-LAND..
SO THAT'S THE ANSWER TO THE MYSTERY! OUR EARTH IS NOW IN THE MAGIC DIMENSION!
...AND OUR POWERS WORK ONLY IN THE SCIENCE DIMENSION! THEN THAT MEANS--
--OUR ASSIGNMENT IS TO CROSS OVER TO THE SCIENCE DIMENSION, OVERCOME THE TROLL KING, SIMON MAGUS AND SATURNA...
...AND RECOVER FROM EACH THE THIRD OF THE MAGICAL INCANTATION WHICH WILL RESTORE EARTH AND MAGIC-LAND TO NORMAL!
THAT'S EASIER SAID THAN DONE!
I CAN HELP YOU THERE! REMEMBER, WE ARE NOW IN A MAGIC DIMENSION WHERE ALL MY POWERS WILL WORK!
SUPPOSE GREEN LANTERN AND I GO AFTER SATURNA?
WONDER WOMAN AND I WILL SEEK OUT THE TROLL KING!
THE REST OF US WILL HANDLE SIMON MAGUS!


IN SEPULCHRAL TONES, THE MIGHTY MAGE SPEAKS THE INCANTATION WHICH SENDS THE JLA MEMBERS HURTLING INTO MAGIC-LAND...
FLY EAST, FLY WEST! FLY SOUTH! FLY NORTH! MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE-- GO FORTH!
ONE BY ONE THE GREAT HEROES FADE AWAY UNTIL...
THEY'RE GONE! REAL GONE!
PERHAPS NOW MY MAGIC WILL BE OF SOME USE IN YOUR WORLD, YOUNG MAN!
NOW YOU'RE BRAIN-TALKING, MERLIN! I'M JUST THE CAT WHO CAN CLUE YOU IN ON WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW, TOO!
IN THAT CASE, LET'S SALLY FORTH!
SNAP!
SNAP!
WITH A WAVE OF HIS MAGIC WAND, THE FABLED WIZARD PRODUCES...
A RUG WITH JET ATTACHMENTS!
IN OTHER WORDS, A FLYING CARPET!
AND SO..
OFF WE GO...INTO THE WILD BLUE YONDER.

SECRET OF THE SINISTER SORCERERS!
CHAPTER 2
MERLIN TOLD US SATURNA LIVES IN THE HEART OF THIS MIGHTY ROCK CAVERN!
BUT HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT A MANTICORE AND A GRIFFIN GUARDING HIS DOMAIN!
HURLED THROUGH SPACE AND TIME BY THE INCANTATION OF MERLIN THE MAGICIAN, GREEN LANTERN AND J'ONN J'ONZZ FIND THEMSELVES BEFORE THE SECRET HIDE-OUT OF SATURNA, LORD OF MISRULE! CRASHING THROUGH THE BRONZE DOORS WHICH GUARD HIS SECRET CAVERNS IN THE MAGIC-LAND CONTINENT OF ASGARD, THEY BURST INTO THE LAIR OF THE FABLED MANTICORE AND GRIFFIN...
AS THE MANTICORE LEAPS TOWARD GREEN LANTERN, THE BEAST'S TAIL WHIPS ABOUT AND SENDS A SHOWER OF BLUE NEEDLES STRAIGHT FOR THE EMERALD WARRIOR...
THE MANTICORE'S YELLOW BODY PROTECTS IT FROM MY POWER RING--AND IF EVEN ONE OF THOSE BLUE NEEDLES SCRATCHES MY SKIN, IT WILL PARALYZE ME!
AT THIS SAME MOMENT GREAT GOLDEN TALONS OF THE GRIFFIN GRASP THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER, LIFTING HIM UPWARD...
THIS HALF-LION, HALF-EAGLE WILL BE NO MATCH FOR MY MARTIAN SUPER-STRENGTH!

JUST IN TIME GREEN LANTERN LIFTS HIS POWER RING AND...
Pop! Pop! Pop! Pop! Pop! Pop! Pop!
I HARMLESSLY EXPLODED THOSE NEEDLES, BUT NOW THE MANTICORE ITSELF IS LEAPING FOR ME!
HIS HUMAN STRENGTH NO MATCH FOR THAT OF THE FABLED CREATURE, THE GREEN GLADIATOR IS HURLED BACKWARD...
AS JONN JONZZ IS APPLYING HIS TITANIC STRENGTH AGAINST THE GRIFFIN, A MIGHTY PILLAR OF RED FIRE SUDDENLY ERUPTS FROM THE CAVERN FLOOR...
OHH! THOSE FLAMES ARE WEAKENING ME... SAPPING ME OF MY SUPER-STRENGTH! I'M GOING TO FALL!
AS HE SLIDES FROM THE GRIFFIN'S BACK, THE BEAST GRABS HIM AND BEGINS A STRANGE, SPIRALING FLIGHT ABOUT THE COLUMN OF FLAME...
IT'S SPIRALING UP AND DOWN THE PILLAR OF FIRE... MAKING ME WEAKER AND WEAKER!
MEANWHILE -- FORCED BACK BY THE MANTICORE, GREEN LANTERN DESPERATELY SEEKS A WAY TO SAVE HIMSELF...
I CAN BARELY MOVE MY RING-HAND... BUT MAYBE THAT'LL BE ENOUGH TO SAVE ME!

A VERDANT BEAM FROM THE POWER RING HITS AGAINST THE WALL AND REBOUNDS TO FORM A MIGHTY HAND WHICH PROPELS THE JLA MEMBER AND THE MANTICORE ACROSS THE CAVERN AT TERRIFIC SPEED...
ACROSS THE CAVERN, IT IS THE MANTICORE THAT SUFFERS THE FULL IMPACT ON THE ROCKY WALL...
THE MANTICORE'S KNOCKED COLD... BUT ITS BODY CUSHIONED ME FROM THE COLLISION!
MEANWHILE, AS THE GRIFFIN CONTINUES ITS SPIRALING FIRE-DANCE, IT COMES CLOSE TO THE FLOOR OF THE GIANT CAVERN WHERE...
JUST GOT ENOUGH STRENGTH LEFT TO.. SNATCH UP SOME DIRT AND GRAVEL OFF THE FLOOR..
...AND FLING IT INTO THE EYES OF THE GRIFFIN!
MOMENTARILY BLINDED, THE WINGED BEAST FLIES WILDLY AWAY FROM THE FIRE...
MY STRENGTH IS INCREASING THE FURTHER AWAY THE GRIFFIN FLIES! I'VE GOT TO ACT FAST BEFORE IT CIRCLES BACK!

SECONDS LATER, THE SUPER-MUSCLES OF THE MARTIAN SEND THE GRIFFIN FLYING SKYWARD...
BY THE TIME IT RECOVERS FROM THE UNEXPECTED TRIP I'M SENDING IT ON, GREEN LANTERN AND I WILL HAVE COMPLETED OUR TASK HERE IN ASGARD!
AS THE FLAME-PILLAR DIES OUT, THE JLA DUO RACES INTO THE CAVERN WHERE SATURNA HAS TAKEN SHELTER...
WHAT WAS THAT PILLAR OF FIRE, ANYWAY?
IT MUST BE A NATURAL PHENOMENON OCCURRING AT REGULAR INTERVALS LIKE THE GEYSERS AT YELLOWSTONE PARK!
YOU MANAGED TO SLIP PAST MY GUARDS... BUT THIS IS AS FAR AS YOU GO!
INSTANTLY THE LORD OF MISRULE FIRES HIS TWIN ATOMIC CANNON...
VAROOM
BUT THE EMERALD GLADIATOR LIFTS HIS POWER RING AND...
I'LL CHANGE THOSE ATOMIC PROJECTILES INTO HANDCUFFS!
SATURNA'S FLINGING HIS THIRD OF THE MAGIC FORMULA INTO THAT BRAZIER OF HOT COALS!
AS THE GREEN MANACLES SLIP OVER HIS WRISTS, SATURNA SEES...
I CAN'T USE MY SUPER-POWERS NEAR THOSE FLAMING COALS BUT BY STANDING AT A DISTANCE, MY MARTIAN SUPER-BREATH WILL BLOW THE PAPER TO SAFETY!
AND SO...
WE'VE CAPTURED SATURNA! LET'S HOPE THE OTHER JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS CAN HANDLE THE TROLL KING AND SIMON MAGUS...
...AND GET THE REST OF THE INCANTATION SO WE CAN RESTORE EARTH AND MAGIC-LAND TO THEIR PROPER PLACE IN TIME AND SPACE!
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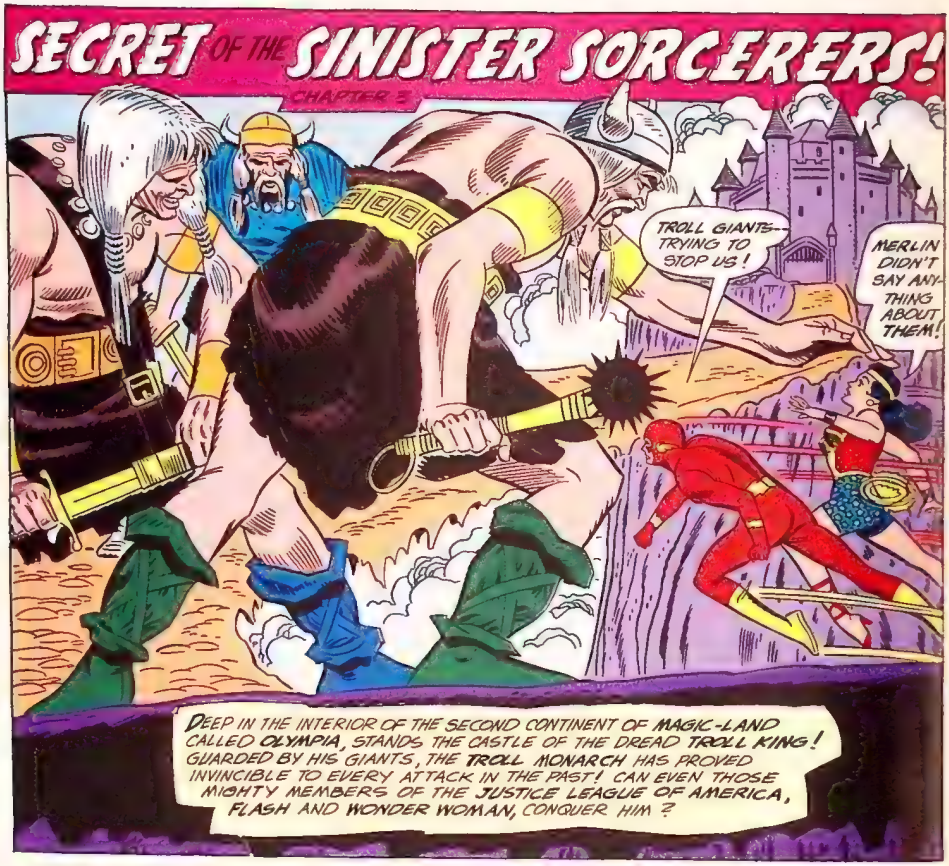
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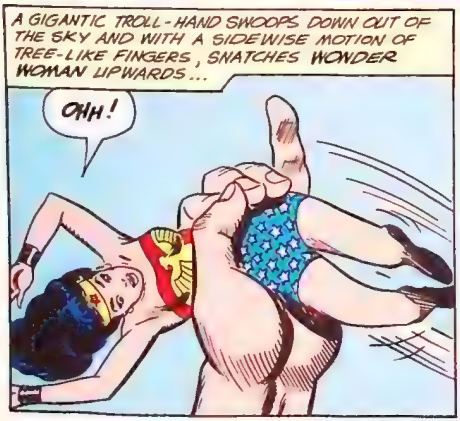
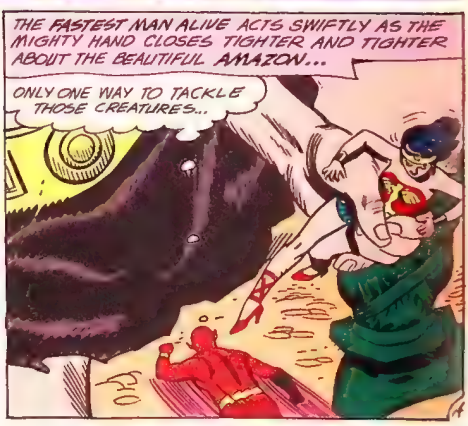
CHAPTER 2
TROLL GIANTS--TRYING TO STOP US!
MERLIN DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THEM!
DEEP IN THE INTERIOR OF THE SECOND CONTINENT OF MAGIC-LAND CALLED OLYMPIA, STANDS THE CASTLE OF THE DREAD TROLL KING! GUARDED BY HIS GIANTS, THE TROLL MONARCH HAS PROVED INVINCIBLE TO EVERY ATTACK IN THE PAST! CAN EVEN THOSE MIGHTY MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, FLASH AND WONDER WOMAN, CONQUER HIM ?


A GIGANTIC TROLL-HAND SWOOPS DOWN OUT OF THE SKY AND WITH A SIDEWISE MOTION OF TREE-LIKE FINGERS, SNATCHES WONDER WOMAN UPWARDS...
OHH!


THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE ACTS SWIFTLY AS THE MIGHTY HAND CLOSES TIGHTER AND TIGHTER ABOUT THE BEAUTIFUL AMAZON...
ONLY ONE WAY TO TACKLE THOSE CREATURES...

AROUND AND AROUND THE FEET OF THE TROLL GIANTS RACES THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER UNTIL THEY ARE CAUGHT IN HALF A DOZEN WHIRL-WINDS...
I'LL GET THEM SO DIZZY THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO STAND UP!
STAGGERING AND REELING, ONE BY ONE THE MASSIVE TROLLS TOPPLE TO THE GROUND...
I'M FALLING!
THAT WIND IS SPINNING US, LIKE TOPS!
NOW TO "WRAP UP" THIS MENACE!
AS THE STRICKEN GIANTS LIE HELPLESS, WONDER WOMAN SWIFTLY GATHERS UP SOME VINES...
I'LL BIND THEM UP SECURELY, FLASH!
GOOD! MEANTIME I'LL GO ON TO THE CASTLE WHERE THE TROLL KING LIVES!
A MOMENT LATER, THE CRIMSON COMET ZOOMS ACROSS THE CASTLE DRAWBRIDGE...
IT WON'T TAKE LONG TO OVERCOME THE TROLL KING NOW THAT HIS GIANTS ARE OUT OF ACTION..
NOT UNTIL TOO LATE DOES FLASH REALIZE THAT THE PORTCULLIS HAS BEEN DROPPED RIGHT INTO HIS PATH...
CRASH!
THUD!

BY THE TIME WONDER WOMAN REACHES THE CASTLE ...
FLASH WAS KNOCKED OUT AND DRAGGED INSIDE THE CASTLE! THE DRAWBRIDGE HAS BEEN RAISED... SO I'LL HAVE TO DEVISE MY OWN WAY OF GETTING INTO THE CASTLE...
AFTER THROWING ONE END OF HER MAGIC LASSO AROUND A MERLON OF THE WALLWALK, THE AMAZON TIES THE OTHER END AROUND A TREE TRUNK AND...
NOW TO RACE UP ALONG THE TAUT LENGTH OF MY LASSO...
FIRE AT HER!
PLAYING "BULLETS AND BRACELETS", SHE DEFLECTS THE DEADLY GUNFIRE...
...UNTIL SHE REACHES AND CLEARS THE CASTLE WALLS...
TROLL DWARFS WITH TOMMY GUNS!
DARTING IN, WONDER WOMAN USES HER AMAZON STRENGTH TO BEND THE TOMMY GUNS INTO PRETZEL SHAPES...
WITHOUT THESE, YOU'LL BE HELPLESS!
SHE HERDS THE DWARFS INTO A GUARDHOUSE...
YOU'LL BE OUT OF THE WAY IN THERE AND— GREAT HERA! THERE'S THE TROLL KING CHALLENGING ME!
I'M NEXT, WONDER WOMAN... OR DO YOU DARE BATTLE WITH ME?

AS THE MIGHTY MAIDEN RACES DOWN A FLIGHT OF STONE STEPS, THE TROLL KING MOVES A LEVER...
HE'S TRICKY... I MUST WATCH OUT FOR A TRAP!
AS THE LEVER SHIFTS, THE STONE STEPS BECOME A SMOOTH RAMP AND WONDER WOMAN'S FEET SHOOT OUT FROM UNDER HER...
Ohh... THE STEPS FOLDED UP AND TURNED INTO A RAMP! I'M FALLING!
DOWN THROUGH A CLEVERLY CONCEALED TRAP DOOR DROPS THE HELPLESS AMAZON...
HA! HA! CAUGHT YOU! JUST AS I CAUGHT YOUR PARTNER!
AND IN THE STONE DUNGEON WHERE SHE FINDS FLASH RECOVERING CONSCIOUSNESS...
FLASH! THE TROLL KING MADE YOU A PRISONER HERE, TOO!
HE SURE DID-- AND NOW HE'S TURNING IT INTO A DEATH CELL! LOOK...
AS HER GAZE FOLLOWS THE RIGID FINGER OF THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER, WONDER WOMAN GASPS IN DISMAY...
WATER FLOODING THE DUNGEON!
THERE ISN'T ENOUGH ROOM HERE FOR ME TO GET UP SUFFICIENT SPEED TO PLOW MY WAY THROUGH THESE WALLS!
THE CASCADING WATER FLOODS THE STONE ROOM...
THESE WALLS ARE SO THICK--BEFORE I COULD CUT THROUGH THEM WITH MY TIARA, THE WATER WOULD OVERCOME US!
WAIT! I'M GETTING AN IDEA!
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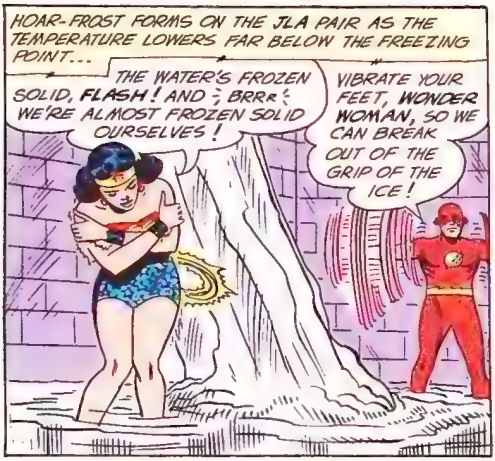
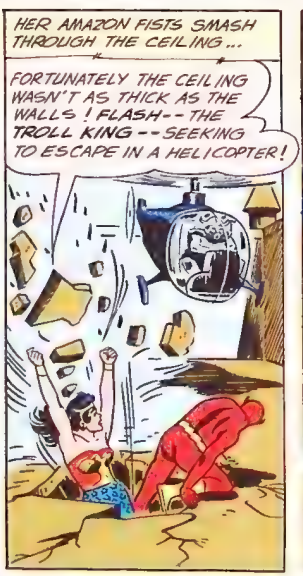
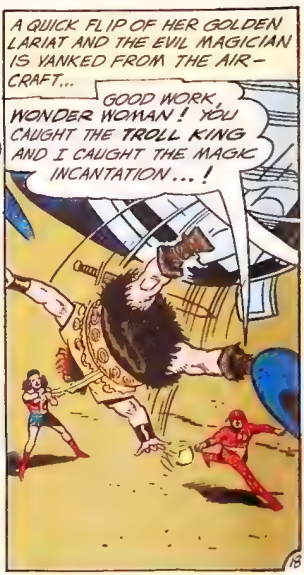
SECONDS LATER, THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE BEGINS WHIRLING HIS ARMS AROUND AND AROUND LIKE THE BLADES OF A SUPER-FAN... FASTER AND FASTER ...
I'M SETTING UP A COLD WAVE IN THIS ROOM... TO FREEZE THE WATER SOLID...
...JUST AS NIAGARA FALLS FREEZES OVER WHEN THERE'S A SUDDEN DROP IN TEMPERATURE !


HOAR-FROST FORMS ON THE JLA PAIR AS THE TEMPERATURE LOWERS FAR BELOW THE FREEZING POINT...
THE WATER'S FROZEN SOLID, FLASH! AND ; BRRR ; WE'RE ALMOST FROZEN SOLID OURSELVES !
VIBRATE YOUR FEET, WONDER WOMAN, SO WE CAN BREAK OUT OF THE GRIP OF THE ICE !

FLASH AND WONDER WOMAN MOVE THEIR LEGS SO SWIFTLY THAT THE ICE BELOW THEM MELTS AND SETS THEM FREE...
SSSSSSSSSS!

FEET DIGGING TOEHOLDS IN THE ICY COLUMN, THE AMAZING AMAZON RACES UP THE FROZEN WATERFALL, CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER...


HER AMAZON FISTS SMASH THROUGH THE CEILING...
FORTUNATELY THE CEILING WASN'T AS THICK AS THE WALLS ! FLASH -- THE TROLL KING -- SEEKING TO ESCAPE IN A HELICOPTER!


A QUICK FLIP OF HER GOLDEN LARIAT AND THE EVIL MAGICIAN IS YANKED FROM THE AIR-CRAFT...
GOOD WORK, WONDER WOMAN ! YOU CAUGHT THE TROLL KING AND I CAUGHT THE MAGIC INCANTATION... !

SECRET OF THE SINISTER SORCERERS!
CHAPTER 4
TO THE THIRD AND LAST CONTINENT OF MAGIC-LAND--OCEANA--SPEEDS SUPERMAN, BATMAN AND AQUAMAN IN PURSUIT OF THE MASTER MAGICIAN, SIMON MAGUS! SUPERMAN HAS CHOSEN TO HUNT HIM DOWN IN HIS FLOATING AIR-CASTLE, BATMAN TO SEARCH HIM OUT IN FOREST PERILOUS, AND AQUAMAN TO SEEK HIM IN THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA!
AS HE NEARS THE AIRY HOME OF THE DREAD MAGICIAN, THE MAN OF STEEL IS CAUGHT UP BY A POWERFUL TORNADO...
THE AIR SPRITES GUARDING THE MAGICIAN'S CLOUD CASTLE HAVE CAUSED A TERRIFIC DOWNDRAFT! IT WILL TAKE ALL MY SUPER-STRENGTH TO BREAK FREE OF IT!
WITH A TWIST OF HIS MIGHTILY THEWED BODY HE ROCKETS OUT OF THE TYPHOON'S GRIP...
SINCE THEY COMMAND THE WINDS AND THE RAINS, THOSE AIR SPRITES CAN BE DANGEROUS--AND NO DOUBT SIMON MAGUS HAS ORDERED THEM TO KEEP ME AWAY FROM HIM!
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BUT IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN SPIRITS OF THE AIR TO STOP ME! AH, THERE'S SIMON MAGUS NOW!
TO HIS AMAZEMENT, SUPERMAN FINDS THAT THE CLOSER HE COMES TO THE EVIL MAGE, THE WEAKER HE BECOMES...
I CAN'T REMAIN ALOFT... MUST LAND AND CONTINUE AFTER SIMON... ON FOOT! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?
UNTIL HE CAN CONTINUE AT NO GREATER SPEED THAN A STUMBLING WALK...
HA! HA! HA! I TRICKED YOU, SUPERMAN! THIS THRONE YOU SEE IS NO ORDINARY THRONE! IT'S BEEN CARVED FROM A METEOR OF KRYPTONITE!
KRYPTONITE! MY WEAKNESS... THAT EXPLAINS IT! SIMON MAGUS HAS BEATEN ME!
AND THEN SUDDENLY THE MAN OF STEEL MOVES FORWARD WITH ALL HIS OLD SUPER-SPEED!
IMPOSSIBLE! YOU HAVE NO SUPER-POWERS IN THE PRESENCE OF KRYPTONITE! I LEARNED ENOUGH ABOUT YOU JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS WHILE ON EARTH TO KNOW THAT MUCH...
GRASPING THE EVIL MAGICIAN, SUPERMAN HURTLES ON, OUT OF THE FAR WALL AND AWAY FROM THE CLUTCH OF THE WEAKENING KRYPTONITE!
I'M AFRAID I CAN'T TAKE THE CREDIT FOR MY SUPER-SPEED! YOUR AIR SPRITES WERE ORDERED TO STOP ME FROM GRABBING YOU... SO THEY BLEW UP A WHIRLWIND TO SNATCH ME UP! THAT'S WHAT PROPELLED ME ALONG!
NOW WE'LL GO MEET--HUH? HE... HE'S DISAPPEARING RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES!

AT THAT MOMENT, BATMAN IS SPEEDING THROUGH FOREST PERILOUS, UNAWARE THAT THE WOOD NYMPHS--THE DRYADS--ARE WHISPERING ORDERS TO THE VERY TREES THEMSELVES...
SIMON MAGUS OFTEN TAKES SANCTUARY DEEP IN THE HEART OF THESE WOODS!
A WOODEN HAND CLOSES AROUND HIS LEG...
WHAT?
INSTANTLY OTHER BRANCHES LIFT AND HOLD HIM HELPLESS...
THEY'VE GOT SUCH A GRIP ON ME I CAN'T MOVE MORE THAN MY FINGERS!
SLOWLY, FUMBLING AT HIS UTILITY BELT--BATMAN MANAGES TO OPEN A BELT COMPARTMENT AND...
I'VE GOT A CAPSULE FOR AN EMERGENCY LIKE THIS!
POWERFUL FINGERS SNAP THE CAPSULE IN TWO AND A SPRAY OF POWDERED LEAD--WHICH BURSTS INTO FLAMES ON CONTACT WITH THE AIR--IS SENT FLYING ACROSS THE BRANCHES...
THE TREE BRANCHES ARE BURSTING INTO FLAME... RELAXING THEIR GRIP ON ME!
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AS THE TREES FRANTICALLY BEAT OUT THE FLAMES--FOR NOTHING IS DREADED SO MUCH IN THE FOREST AS FIRE--BATMAN RACES ON...
SIMON MAGUS CAN'T BE FAR FROM HERE...
SIGHTING HIS QUARRY, HE MAKES A FLYING TACKLE...
CAUGHT YOU!
BUT EVEN AS HE SWINGS A TERRIBLE FIST TO SUBDUE THE WIZARD...
HUH? MY FIST IS GOING RIGHT THROUGH HIM! HE'S FADING INTO THIN AIR!
MEANTIME, AQUAMAN FLASHES THROUGH THE DEPTHS OF THE MAGIC-LAND OCEANS...
I'VE GOT TO TEST MY MENTAL CONTROL OVER THESE UNUSUAL TYPES OF SEA CREATURES SOONER OR LATER, SO-- TAKE ME TO YOUR MASTER-- SIMON MAGUS!
IN RESPONSE TO HIS COMMAND, THE DENIZENS OF THE MAGIC-LAND DEEPS GUIDE HIM THROUGH THE WATERS...
THIS SEEMS-- TOO EASY!
SO INTENT IS AQUAMAN ON FINDING THE GREAT MAGE THAT WHEN A GREAT NET OPENS ABOVE HIM HE FINDS HIMSELF CAUGHT IN ITS CONSTRICTING FOLDS...
YOU MAY HAVE CONTROL OVER MY CREATURES, AQUAMAN--BUT GAINING CONTROL OVER ME IS ANOTHER MATTER!

I'LL LEAVE YOU HERE WHILE I HAVE ANOTHER TRY AT DEFEATING SUPERMAN AND BATMAN!
I NOTICED REMORA-FISH IN THESE WATERS! MAYBE THEY CAN HELP ME OUT OF THIS TRAP!
HIS MENTAL ORDERS SUMMON THE REMORA--LEECHLIKE FISH WHOSE CLUTCH HAS BEEN KNOWN TO HOLD SHIPS MOTIONLESS--AND SEND THEM TOWARD THE MAGICIAN...
I'M CAUGHT! I CAN'T MOVE!
IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE, SIMON, YOU'LL PULL THE LEVER THAT WILL FREE ME FROM THIS NET! THE REMORA WILL RELEASE YOU JUST ENOUGH TO MOVE YOUR ARM...
I'M NOT LIKE AQUA-MAN! I CAN'T STAY FOR-EVER UNDER WATER! I YIELD! TELL THEM TO FREE MY ARM!
FREED FROM THE ENTANGLING NET, AQUAMAN BRINGS HIS CAPTIVE TO THE SHORE WHERE...
LOOK! SIMON MAGUS DIDN'T DISAPPEAR ON AQUAMAN, AS HE DID WITH US!
MAYBE BECAUSE AS RULER OF THE AIR, LAND AND SEA--HE HAD THREE LIVES! STOPPED IN THE AIR, HE RETREATED TO THE LAND--
DEFEATED ON THE LAND, I FLED INTO THE SEA! DEFEATED THERE, I WAS FINALLY FORCED TO SURRENDER!
I'LL TAKE THE FINAL THIRD OF THE INCANTATION WHICH WILL TRANSFER EARTH AND MAGIC-LAND TO THEIR NORMAL DIMENSIONS!
NOW LET'S GO FIND THE OTHER MEM-BERS AND RETURN TO EARTH!
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SECRET OF THE SINISTER SORCERERS!
CHAPTER 5
HERE'S THE GOLDEN DOORWAY FROM MAGIC-LAND BACK TO EARTH! WHEN WE GO THROUGH IT AND GIVE THE MAGICAL INCANTATION TO MERLIN HE CAN PUT EARTH AND MAGIC-LAND BACK INTO THE PROPER DIMENSIONS!
LOOK! A MONSTROUS HAND OPENING THE DOOR!
THEIR TASKS ACCOMPLISHED, AND WITH SATURNA, THE TROLL KING AND SIMON MAGUS AS THEIR PRISONERS, THE MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA MEET AT THE GOLDEN DOORWAY, TO RETURN TO THEIR OWN WORLD SO THAT MERLIN MAY PERFORM THE NECESSARY SPELL WHICH WILL UNDO THE EVIL OF THE THREE MAGICIANS...
AS ONE, EACH OF THE GREAT CRIME-FIGHTERS SPRINGS TO THE GOLDEN DOORWAY, SEEKING TO RESTRAIN THE STRANGE CREATURE FROM COMING THROUGH...
WHAT PUZZLES ME IS, IF THIS DOORWAY LEADS TO OUR EARTH...
...HOW DID SUCH A MONSTER GET ON EARTH?

GREAT IS THE STRENGTH OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS BUT THE MIGHTY CREATURE IS ALSO EXTREMELY POWERFUL.. AND SO...
IT'S BREAKING THROUGH!
GOOD ENOUGH! LET IT COME INTO MAGIC-LAND!
RIGHT! OUR SUPER-POWERS ONLY WORK HERE ANYWAY!
AT A SIGNAL GIVEN BY BATMAN..
HEY, FELLAS! DON'T YOU KNOW ME? OW! OWTCH! CUT IT OUT, WILL YOU?
GREAT HERA... THAT VOICE...
IT'S FAMILIAR EVEN IF THE REST OF THE CREATURE ISN'T!
SNAPPER! WHAT IN THE WORLD..?
AWWW... I WAS SORTA FOOLING AROUND WITH MERLIN'S MAGIC WAND AND I GUESS I GOOFED SOMEHOW... AND CHANGED MYSELF INTO.. THIS! SO I CAME TO FIND YOU, HOPING YOU COULD HELP ME!
AND SO THE JUSTICE LEAGUE RETURNS TO ITS SECRET MEETING PLACE WHERE MERLIN IS WAITING FOR THEM...
GIANT, GIANT, OVER ALL -- SHRINK IN SIZE, BE NOT SO TALL!
SNAPPER'LL SOON BE HIMSELF AGAIN!
I HOPE THIS TEACHES YOU NEVER TO MEDDLE IN ANYTHING YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, SNAPPER!
THAT'S A REAL HIP QUIP, WONDER WOMAN! I KNOW THE SCORE NOW-- YOU BET!
SNAP!
SNAP!
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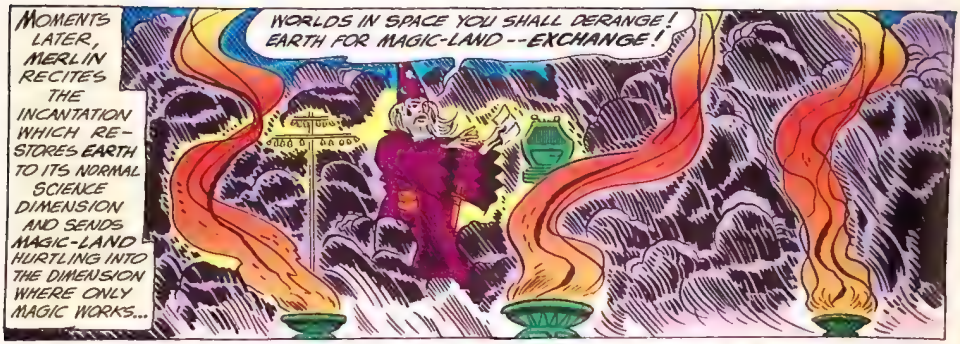
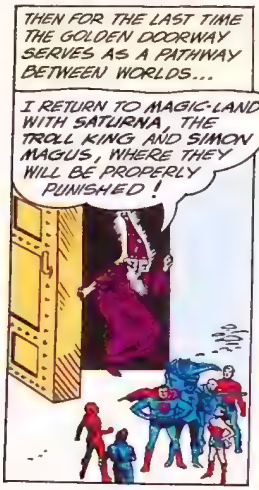
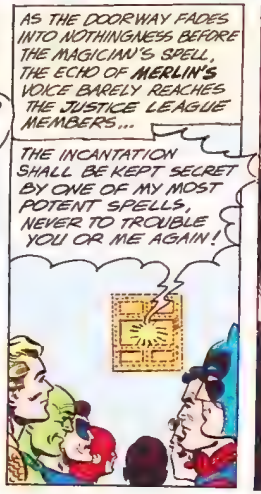

MOMENTS LATER, MERLIN RECITES THE INCANTATION WHICH RESTORES EARTH TO ITS NORMAL SCIENCE DIMENSION AND SENDS MAGIC-LAND HURTLING INTO THE DIMENSION WHERE ONLY MAGIC WORKS...
WORLDS IN SPACE YOU SHALL DERANGE! EARTH FOR MAGIC-LAND--EXCHANGE!


THEN FOR THE LAST TIME THE GOLDEN DOORWAY SERVES AS A PATHWAY BETWEEN WORLDS...
I RETURN TO MAGIC-LAND WITH SATURNA, THE TROLL KING AND SIMON MAGUS, WHERE THEY WILL BE PROPERLY PUNISHED!


AS THE DOORWAY FADES INTO NOTHINGNESS BEFORE THE MAGICIAN'S SPELL, THE ECHO OF MERLIN'S VOICE BARELY REACHES THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS...
THE INCANTATION SHALL BE KEPT SECRET BY ONE OF MY MOST POTENT SPELLS, NEVER TO TROUBLE YOU OR ME AGAIN!

THAT VERY NIGHT AT THE CARR HOME...
COME ON, JIMMY! I'LL READ YOU A REAL STORY OUT OF THIS BOOK!
AW, SNAPPER, STOP KIDDING ME! I'M TOO OLD TO BELIEVE THERE'S REALLY ANY SUCH THING AS MAGIC!
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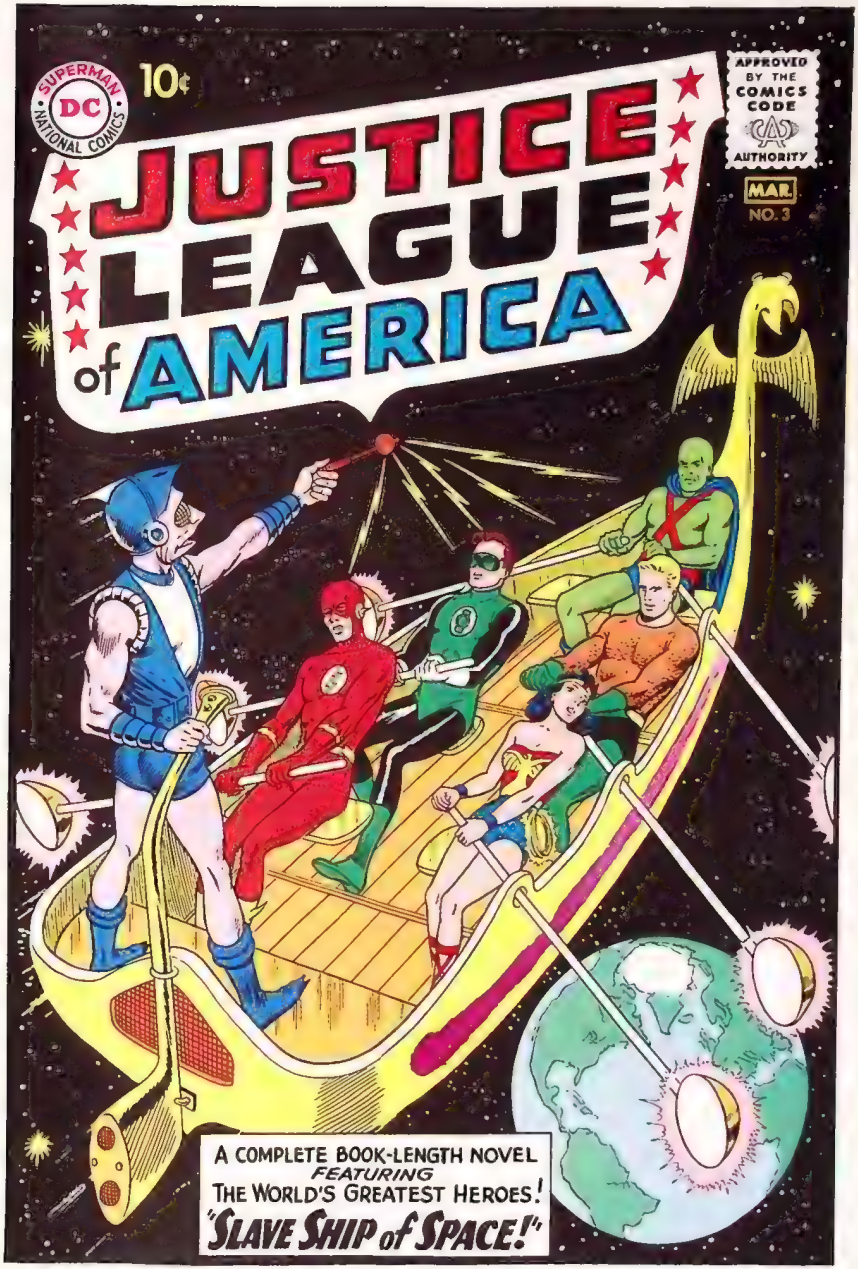
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"SLAVE SHIP of SPACE!"

JUSTICE LEAGUE of AMERICA

THE FAME OF THE *JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA*--CHAMPIONS OF RIGHT, BATTLERS OF CRIME, FOES OF INJUSTICE--IS NOT CONFINED TO EARTH ALONE! THEIR REPUTATION HAS SPREAD OUT AMONG OTHER WORLDS--WHICH LEADS *KANJAR RO* OF THE FAR-DISTANT PLANET *DHOR* TO COME TO EARTH AND USE THESE SUPER-HEROES AS *LIVING WEAPONS*--NOT FOR GOOD, BUT FOR EVIL! IF THEY REFUSE, THEY DOOM EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD ON EARTH! THEY HAVE NO CHOICE! THEY *MUST* BECOME PRISONERS OF...

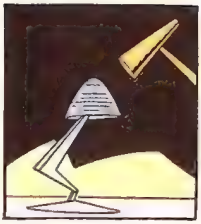
The SLAVE SHIP OF SPACE!

ONLY THE COMBINED VOICES OF MY THREE ARCH-ENEMIES--WHOM YOU MUST CAPTURE FOR ME--CAN FREE THE PEOPLES OF EARTH FROM THEIR FROZEN RIGIDITY! NOW--ENTER THE SPACE-BOAT... AND PROCEED ON YOUR MISSION!

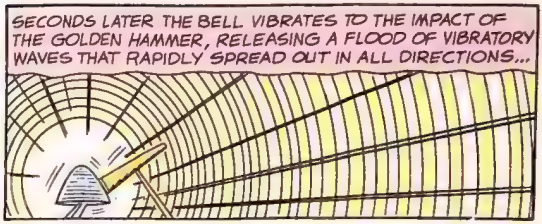
Roll Call IN THE ORDER OF THEIR APPEARANCE

1. FLASH
2. GREEN LANTERN
3. J'ONN J'ONZZ
4. BATMAN
5. AQUAMAN
6. WONDER WOMAN
7. SUPERMAN

IN THE DIM SHADOWS OF A DARKENED ROOM A GOLDEN MALLET IS POISED TO STRIKE AN ODDLY SHAPED BELL ...

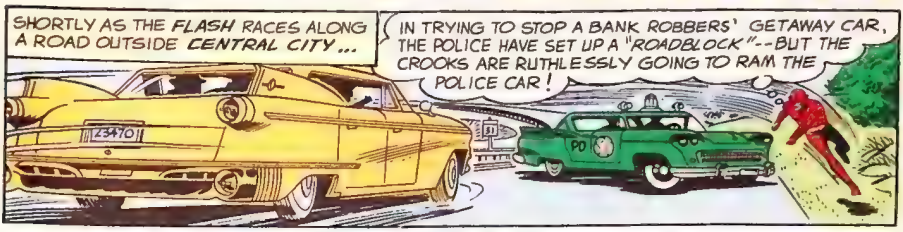


SECONDS LATER THE BELL VIBRATES TO THE IMPACT OF THE GOLDEN HAMMER, RELEASING A FLOOD OF VIBRATORY WAVES THAT RAPIDLY SPREAD OUT IN ALL DIRECTIONS...



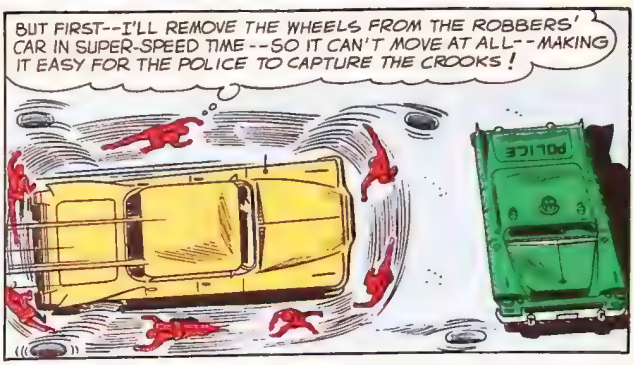
SHORTLY AS THE *FLASH* RACES ALONG A ROAD OUTSIDE *CENTRAL CITY*...

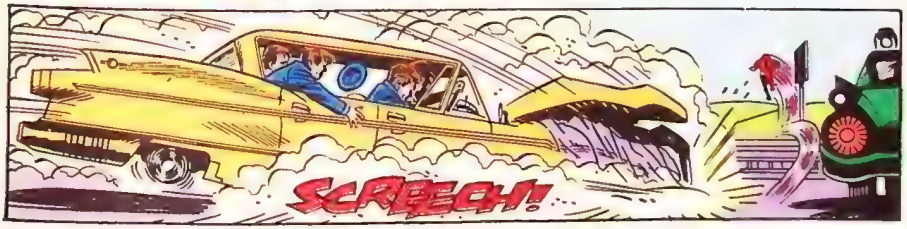
IN TRYING TO STOP A BANK ROBBERS' GETAWAY CAR, THE POLICE HAVE SET UP A "ROADBLOCK"--BUT THE CROOKS ARE RUTHLESSLY GOING TO RAM THE POLICE CAR!



MY SIGNALING DEVICE--WHICH I USE TO CONTACT THE *JUSTICE LEAGUE* MEMBERS--SUDDENLY BROKE! I'LL HAVE TO DASH OVER TO OUR SECRET HEADQUARTERS FOR A SPARE!

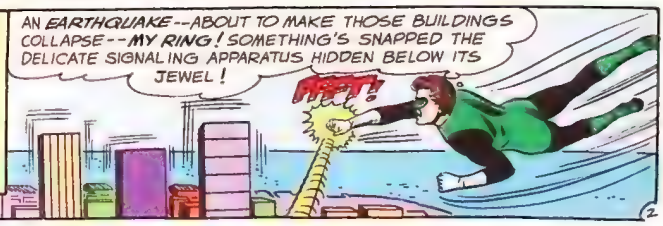
BUT FIRST--I'LL REMOVE THE WHEELS FROM THE ROBBERS' CAR IN SUPER-SPEED TIME--SO IT CAN'T MOVE AT ALL--MAKING IT EASY FOR THE POLICE TO CAPTURE THE CROOKS!

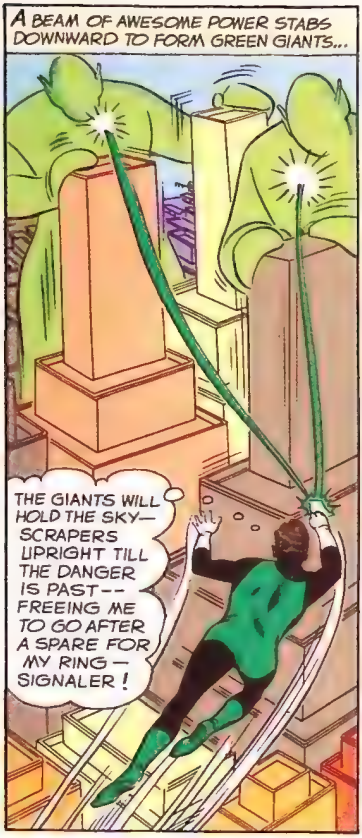


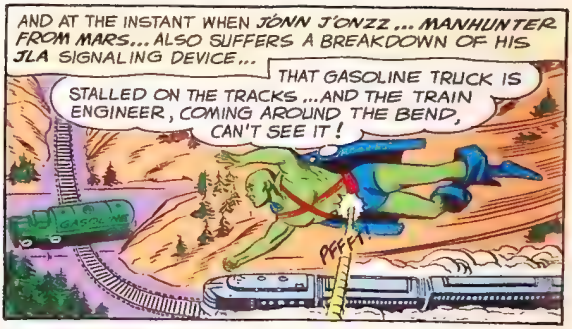


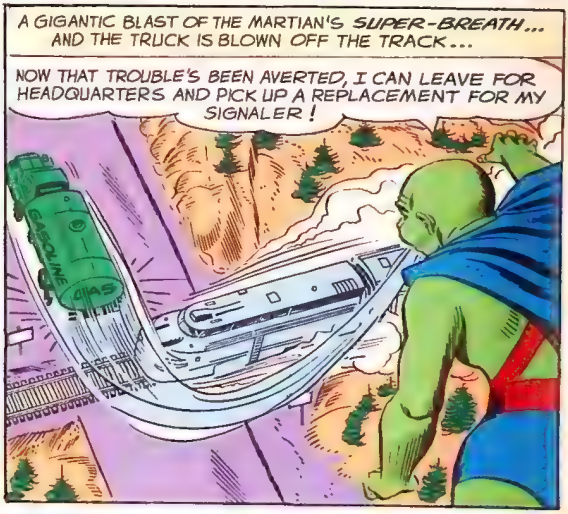
ACROSS THE LAKES AND MOUNTAINS OF AMERICA TRAVEL THE EERIE VIBRATIONS... TO *GREEN LANTERN* WHO IS FLYING OVER THE SKY-SCRAPER TOPS OF *COAST CITY*...

AN *EARTHQUAKE*--ABOUT TO MAKE THOSE BUILDINGS COLLAPSE--*MY RING!* SOMETHING'S SNAPPED THE DELICATE SIGNALING APPARATUS HIDDEN BELOW ITS JEWEL!

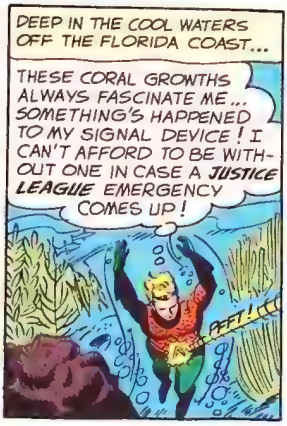


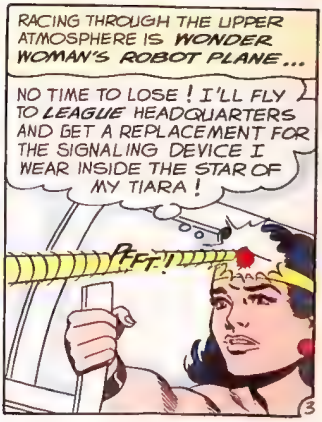

A BEAM OF AWESOME POWER STABS DOWNWARD TO FORM GREEN GIANTS...
THE GIANTS WILL HOLD THE SKY—SCRAPERS UPRIGHT TILL THE DANGER IS PAST--FREEING ME TO GO AFTER A SPARE FOR MY RING—SIGNALER!


AND AT THE INSTANT WHEN JONN J'ONZZ ... MANHUNTER FROM MARS... ALSO SUFFERS A BREAKDOWN OF HIS JLA SIGNALING DEVICE...
THAT GASOLINE TRUCK IS STALLED ON THE TRACKS ...AND THE TRAIN ENGINEER, COMING AROUND THE BEND, CAN'T SEE IT!
PFFT!

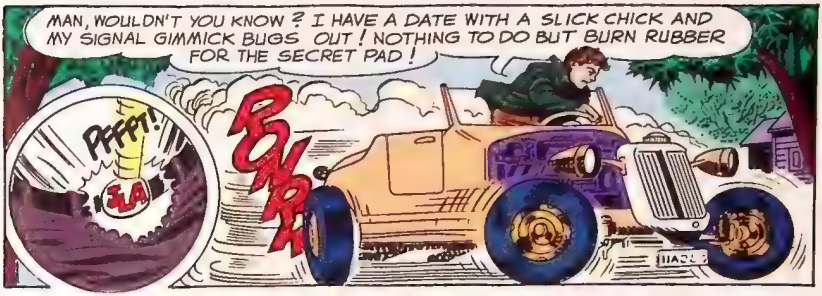

A GIGANTIC BLAST OF THE MARTIAN'S SUPER-BREATH... AND THE TRUCK IS BLOWN OFF THE TRACK...
NOW THAT TROUBLE'S BEEN AVERTED, I CAN LEAVE FOR HEADQUARTERS AND PICK UP A REPLACEMENT FOR MY SIGNALER!
GASOLINE

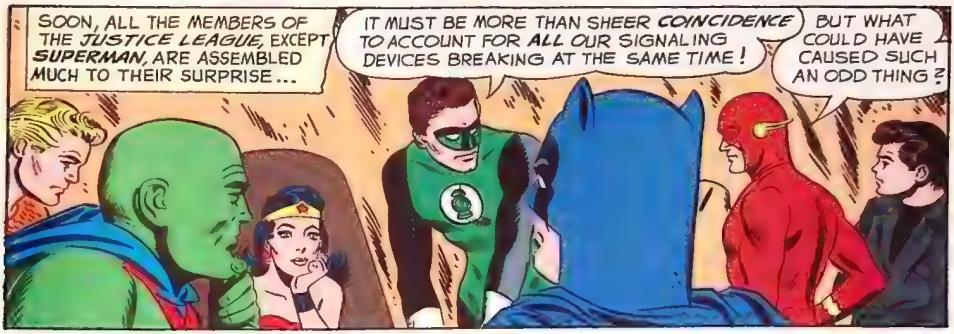
IN THE SOUVENIR ROOM OF BRUCE WAYNE, GOTHAM CITY SOCIALITE...
WHAT'S THIS? MY JUSTICE LEAGUE SIGNALER JUST WENT HAYWIRE! BETTER PUT MY BATMAN COSTUME ON AGAIN AND MAKE TRACKS FOR THE SECRET SANCTUARY...
PFFT!


DEEP IN THE COOL WATERS OFF THE FLORIDA COAST...
THESE CORAL GROWTHS ALWAYS FASCINATE ME... SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO MY SIGNAL DEVICE! I CAN'T AFFORD TO BE WITHOUT ONE IN CASE A JUSTICE LEAGUE EMERGENCY COMES UP!
PFFT!


RACING THROUGH THE UPPER ATMOSPHERE IS WONDER WOMAN'S ROBOT PLANE...
NO TIME TO LOSE! I'LL FLY TO LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS AND GET A REPLACEMENT FOR THE SIGNALING DEVICE I WEAR INSIDE THE STAR OF MY TIARA!
PFFT!

SNAPPER CARR--HONORARY MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA--IS CUTTING OUT ON A DATE WHEN...


MAN, WOULDN'T YOU KNOW? I HAVE A DATE WITH A SLICK CHICK AND MY SIGNAL GIMMICK BUGS OUT! NOTHING TO DO BUT BURN RUBBER FOR THE SECRET PAD!
PFFFT!
JLA
BRRR


SOON, ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE, EXCEPT SUPERMAN, ARE ASSEMBLED MUCH TO THEIR SURPRISE...
IT MUST BE MORE THAN SHEER COINCIDENCE TO ACCOUNT FOR ALL OUR SIGNALING DEVICES BREAKING AT THE SAME TIME!
BUT WHAT COULD HAVE CAUSED SUCH AN ODD THING?

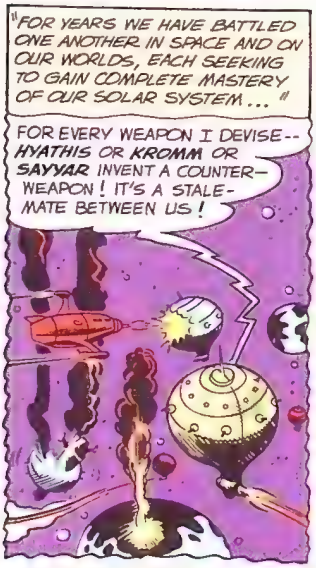
AS THE MELODIOUS TINKLINGS OF THE TINY BELL CROSS THE ROOM, EACH OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS IS IMMEDIATELY FROZEN INTO RIGIDITY!
THERE! NOW THAT NONE OF YOU CAN MOVE A MUSCLE, I CAN SPEAK TO YOU WITHOUT YOUR INDULGING IN ANY HEROICS...!

MY NAME IS KANJAR RO! I AM DELON* OF THE PLANET DHOR OF THE STAR-SUN ANTARES, HUNDREDS OF LIGHT YEARS FROM EARTH! IT WAS I WHO SMASHED YOUR SIGNAL DEVICES... TO LURE YOU HERE SO I COULD EMPLOY YOUR EXTRAORDINARY TALENTS!
*Editor's Note: EQUIVALENT TO AN EARTH DICTATOR.

"AS I AM DELON OF DHOR, SO MY ARCH-ENEMY HYATHIS IS PANALA* OF A NEIGHBORING PLANET, ALSTAIR..."
*EDITOR'S NOTE: EQUIVALENT TO AN EARTH QUEEN.

"ANOTHER RIVAL--THE METAL MAN KROMM--GROMAR* OF THE OUTERMOST PLANET OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM, MOSTEEL..."
*EDITOR'S NOTE: EQUIVALENT TO AN EARTH KING.

"THEN THERE IS MY LAST OPPONENT, SAYYAR--JEFFAN* OF THE PLANET LLARR..."
*EDITOR'S NOTE: EQUIVALENT TO AN EARTH EMPEROR.

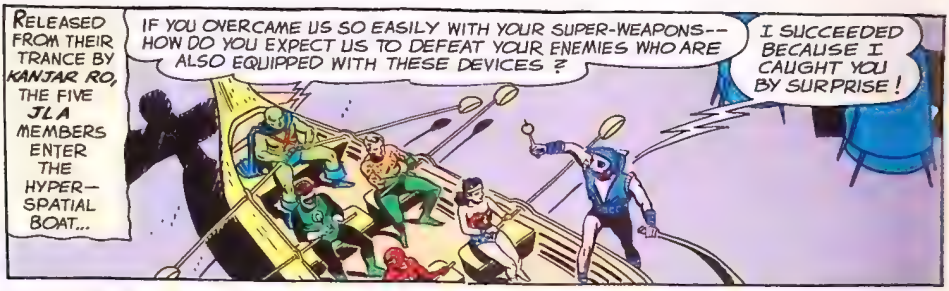

"FOR YEARS WE HAVE BATTLED ONE ANOTHER IN SPACE AND ON OUR WORLDS, EACH SEEKING TO GAIN COMPLETE MASTERY OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM..."
FOR EVERY WEAPON I DEVISE--HYATHIS OR KROMM OR SAYYAR INVENT A COUNTER-WEAPON! IT'S A STALE-MATE BETWEEN US!

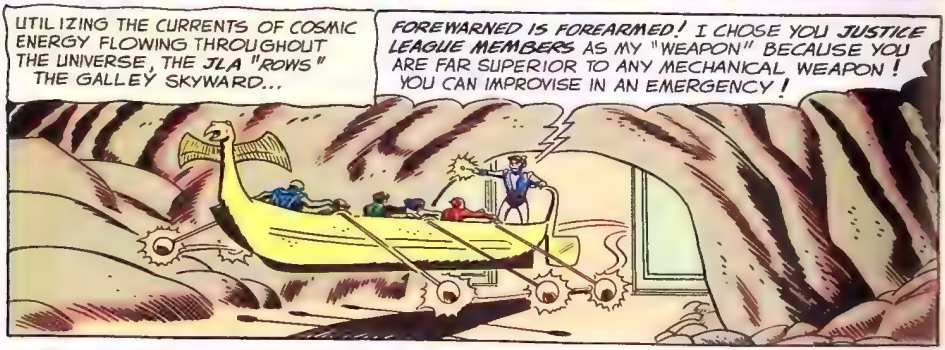
"WITH MY HYPERSPATIAL TELE-SCOPE I HAVE BEEN FOLLOW-ING YOUR ADVENTURES... AND QUITE RECENTLY AN IDEA OCCURRED TO ME..."
I'LL ENLIST THE JUSTICE LEAGUE AS MY ALLIES! THEY WILL BE MY "WEAPON" TO DEFEAT MY RIVALS!

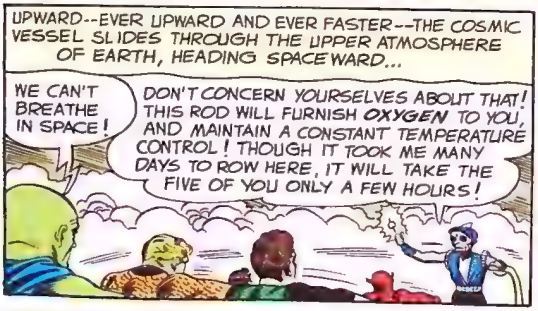
WHAT MAKES KANJAR RO THINK WE'D FIGHT TO FURTHER HIS EVIL AMBITIONS?
IF THE JLA WENT TO ANTARES IT WOULD BE TO BRING PEACE TO THE PEOPLES OF THESE WORLDS!
I HEAR WHAT YOU'RE THINKING! I FIGURED YOU MIGHT RESIST, SO I'LL MAKE SURE YOU COM-PLY WITH MY DEMANDS!

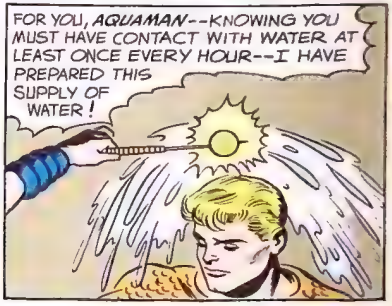
A GREAT GOLDEN HAMMER IS LIFTED AND DRIVEN HARD AGAINST ANOTHER GONG...
ALL OVER YOUR WORLD--PEOPLE ARE NOW BEING FROZEN MOTIONLESS JUST AS YOU ARE, DUE TO THE ULTRA—SONIC VIBRATIONS OF MY GAMMA METAL GONG!
CLAA
AANG!

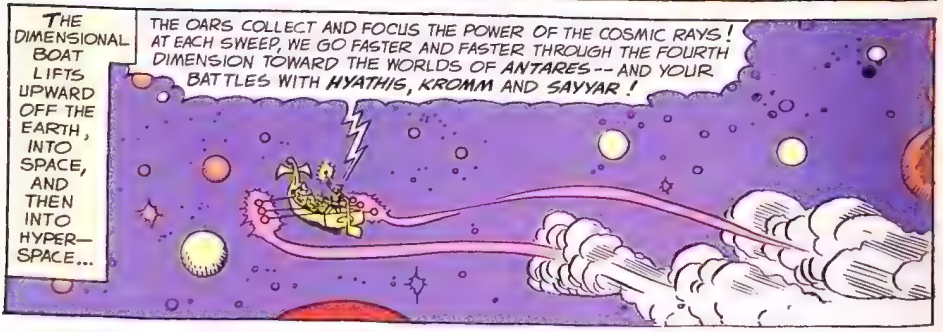
THEN AS KANJAR RO TOUCHES A BUTTON ON HIS BELT, A TELE-VISION IMAGE IS PRO-JECTED ON THE WALL...
THERE! YOU CAN SEE FOR YOURSELVES! ONLY THE COMBINED VOICES OF HYATHIS, KROMM, AND SAYYAR--SPEAKING MY NAME--CAN RELEASE THE PEOPLE OF EARTH FROM THE SPELL OF THE GAMMA METAL GONG! NOW YOU ARE DUTY-BOUND TO CAPTURE MY ARCH-ENEMIES--TO FREE THE PEOPLES OF YOUR WORLD!
BUS STOP
FROM HIS GARMENTS, KANJAR RO LIFTS OUT A TINY BOAT...
WE SHALL TRAVEL THROUGH DIMENSIONAL SPACE IN THIS COSMIC VESSEL! AS I HOLD THIS ROD ON IT, IT WILL GROW LARGE ENOUGH FOR YOU TO ENTER IT... AS MY SLAVES!
AS THE ENTRANCED JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS WATCH THE BOAT GROW IN SIZE...
IF ONLY SUPERMAN WOULD RETURN FROM HIS MISSION IN OUTER SPACE, HE COULD RESCUE US...
THERE'S NOT A CHANCE OF THAT HAPPENING! BY THE TIME SUPER-MAN RETURNS TO EARTH... WE'LL HAVE DEPARTED...
...ALL EXCEPT BATMAN AND SNAPPER... WHO SHALL REMAIN HERE FROZEN... AS BAIT FOR MY TRAP TO IMMOBILIZE SUPERMAN!
"WHEN THE MAN OF STEEL SEARCHES THE EARTH WITH HIS SUPER-VISION, HE'LL SEE YOU HERE AND COME TO INVES-TIGATE--TRIPPING AN ELECTRIC EYE BEAM AS HE ENTERS THIS HIDEOUT..."
WE CAN'T EVEN CALL OUT TO WARN HIM!
MAN, I'M BUGGED!
"THIS WILL RELEASE A FLOW OF KRYPTONITE GAS FROM HIDDEN VIALS..."
THERE'S JUST ENOUGH--KRYPTONITE GAS IN THE ROOM TO--RENDER ME HELPLESS!


RELEASED FROM THEIR TRANCE BY KANJAR RO, THE FIVE JLA MEMBERS ENTER THE HYPER-SPATIAL BOAT...
IF YOU OVERCAME US SO EASILY WITH YOUR SUPER-WEAPONS-- HOW DO YOU EXPECT US TO DEFEAT YOUR ENEMIES WHO ARE ALSO EQUIPPED WITH THESE DEVICES ?
I SUCCEEDED BECAUSE I CAUGHT YOU BY SURPRISE !

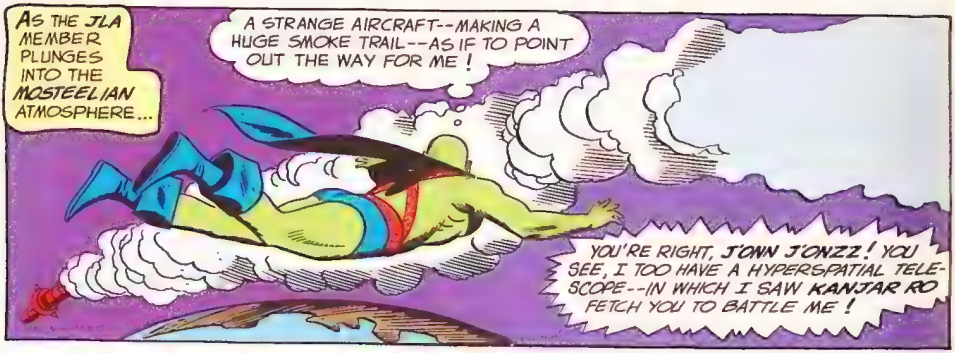

UTILIZING THE CURRENTS OF COSMIC ENERGY FLOWING THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE, THE JLA "ROWS" THE GALLEY SKYWARD...
FOREWARNED IS FOREARMED! I CHOSE YOU JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS AS MY "WEAPON" BECAUSE YOU ARE FAR SUPERIOR TO ANY MECHANICAL WEAPON YOU CAN IMPROVISE IN AN EMERGENCY !

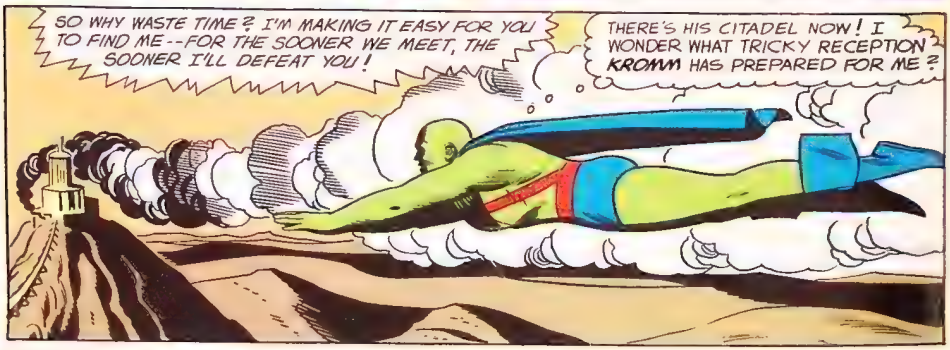

UPWARD--EVER UPWARD AND EVER FASTER--THE COSMIC VESSEL SLIDES THROUGH THE UPPER ATMOSPHERE OF EARTH, HEADING SPACEWARD...
WE CAN'T BREATHE IN SPACE !
DON'T CONCERN YOURSELVES ABOUT THAT! THIS ROD WILL FURNISH OXYGEN TO YOU, AND MAINTAIN A CONSTANT TEMPERATURE CONTROL ! THOUGH IT TOOK ME MANY DAYS TO ROW HERE, IT WILL TAKE THE FIVE OF YOU ONLY A FEW HOURS !


FOR YOU, AQUAMAN--KNOWING YOU MUST HAVE CONTACT WITH WATER AT LEAST ONCE EVERY HOUR--I HAVE PREPARED THIS SUPPLY OF WATER !

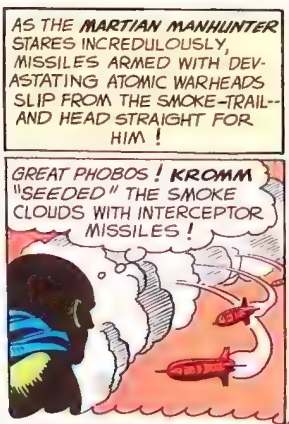

THE DIMENSIONAL BOAT LIFTS UPWARD OFF THE EARTH, INTO SPACE, AND THEN INTO HYPER-SPACE...
THE OARS COLLECT AND FOCUS THE POWER OF THE COSMIC RAYS ! AT EACH SWEEP, WE GO FASTER AND FASTER THROUGH THE FOURTH DIMENSION TOWARD THE WORLDS OF ANTARES -- AND YOUR BATTLES WITH HYATHIS, KROMM AND SAYYAR !

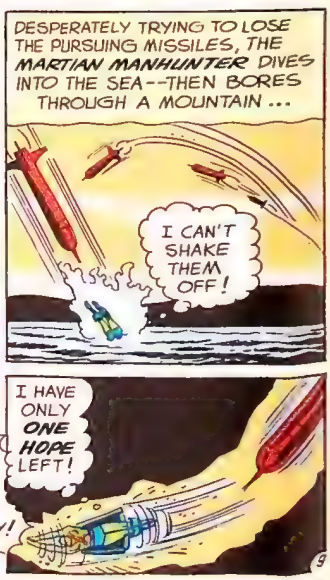
The SLAVE SHIP OF SPACE
CHAPTER 2
AS THE SPACE GALLEY NEARS ITS FIRST PLANETARY DESTINATION, KANJAR RO BEAMS A BOLT OF RADIATION AT JONN JONZZ'S FOREHEAD...
THIS ARANNA RAY WILL TEACH YOU THE LANGUAGE OF THE METALMEN, J'ONN J'ONZZ--FOR YOUR ASSIGNMENT IS TO LAND ON THE PLANET MOSTEEL AND CAPTURE ITS RULER, KROMM!
AT THE ORDER OF KANJAR RO, THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER RISES FROM THE OARBENCH AND DIVES OVER THE SIDE...
WE'RE BACK IN NORMAL SPACE NOW, IN THE UPPER ATMOSPHERE OF KROMM'S PLANET! WHILE YOU DIVE TO MEET HIM I MUST WARN YOU--KROMM IS TRICKY! BE ON YOUR GUARD... EVERY MOMENT!


AS THE JLA MEMBER PLUNGES INTO THE MOSTEELIAN ATMOSPHERE...
A STRANGE AIRCRAFT--MAKING A HUGE SMOKE TRAIL--AS IF TO POINT OUT THE WAY FOR ME!
YOU'RE RIGHT, J'ONN J'ONZZ! YOU SEE, I TOO HAVE A HYPERSPATIAL TELESCOPE--IN WHICH I SAW KANJAR RO FETCH YOU TO BATTLE ME!


SO WHY WASTE TIME? I'M MAKING IT EASY FOR YOU TO FIND ME--FOR THE SOONER WE MEET, THE SOONER I'LL DEFEAT YOU!
THERE'S HIS CITADEL NOW! I WONDER WHAT TRICKY RECEPTION KROMM HAS PREPARED FOR ME?

SUDDENLY, ABRUPT BELLOWS OF GARGANTUAN LAUGHTER FLOOD THE AIR...
HO! HO! HO!
SO KANJAR RO THOUGHT YOU WERE A "PERFECT WEAPON", DID HE? WHY--I'VE DEFEATED YOU BEFORE YOU'VE EVEN STARTED TO FIGHT! LOOK BEHIND YOU!


AS THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER STARES INCREDULOUSLY, MISSILES ARMED WITH DEVASTATING ATOMIC WARHEADS SLIP FROM THE SMOKE-TRAIL--AND HEAD STRAIGHT FOR HIM!
GREAT PHOBOS! KROMM "SEEDED" THE SMOKE CLOUDS WITH INTERCEPTOR MISSILES!
DELICATE MECHANISMS TRIGGERED THOSE ATOMIC MISSILES INTO ACTION WHEN YOU PASSED THEM! THEY WILL KEEP PACE WITH YOU... UNTIL YOU STOP--WHICH YOU MUST DO EVENTUALLY! THEN THEY'LL CLOSE THE GAP AND--FINISH YOU OFF!


DESPERATELY TRYING TO LOSE THE PURSUING MISSILES, THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER DIVES INTO THE SEA--THEN BORES THROUGH A MOUNTAIN...
I CAN'T SHAKE THEM OFF!
I HAVE ONLY ONE HOPE LEFT!

MOMENTS LATER, THE JLA MEMBER SPEEDS THROUGH THE ATMOSPHERE--FASTER--EVER FASTER ...
GOT TO STEP UP MY SPEED... BUT-WILL EVEN MY MARTIAN SUPER-BODY WITH-STAND THE TERRIBLE FRICTION ?
SOON J'ONN J'ONZZ IS CATAPULTING ALONG AT CLOSE TO THE SPEED OF LIGHT... WITH HIS PURSUERS STILL IN HOT PURSUIT...
THE ATMOSPHERIC FRICTION IS AWFUL ! I CAN'T KEEP UP THIS PACE MUCH LONGER !
AFTER CIRCLING THE PLANET MOSTEEL THOUSANDS OF TIMES, THE MISSILES BURST INTO FLAME ...
THE MISSILES GAVE WAY TO THE ATMOSPHERIC FRICTION BEFORE I DID !
SO TERRIFIC IS HIS MOMENTUM THAT J'ONN J'ONZZ GOES COMPLETELY AROUND THE PLANET BEFORE HE CAN BRAKE HIS FORWARD PROGRESS...
RUSHING TOWARD THAT FLAMING MISSILE ! IF I HIT IT, THE FLAMES WILL WEAKEN ME ! GOT TO SWERVE OUT OF ITS PATH !
WITH FLEET KICKING AND BODY BENDING LIKE THAT OF A HIGH DIVER, J'ONN J'ONZZ ANGLES AWAY FROM THE FALLING MISSILES...
NOW TO PAY KROMM A RETURN VISIT !
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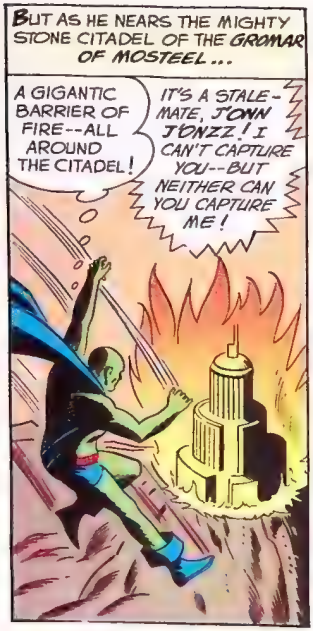
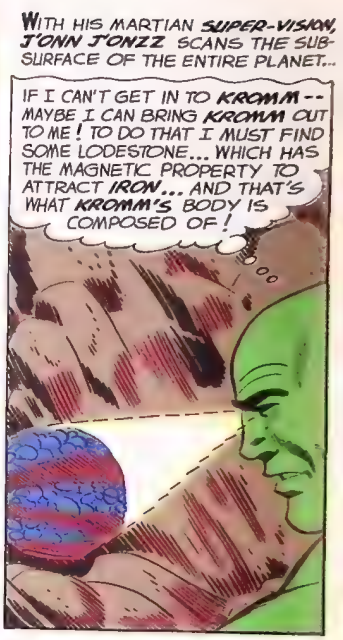
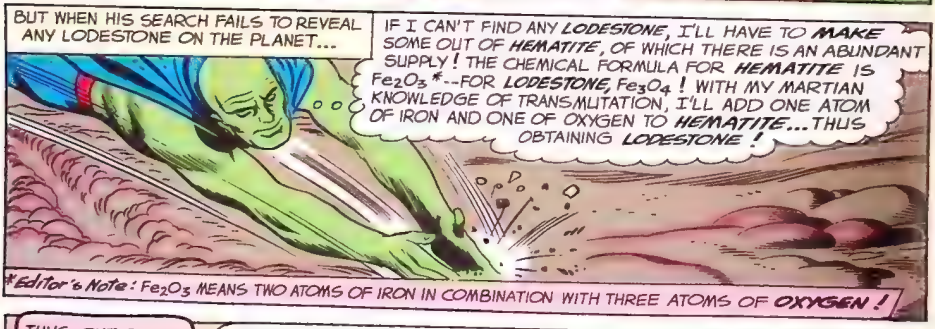
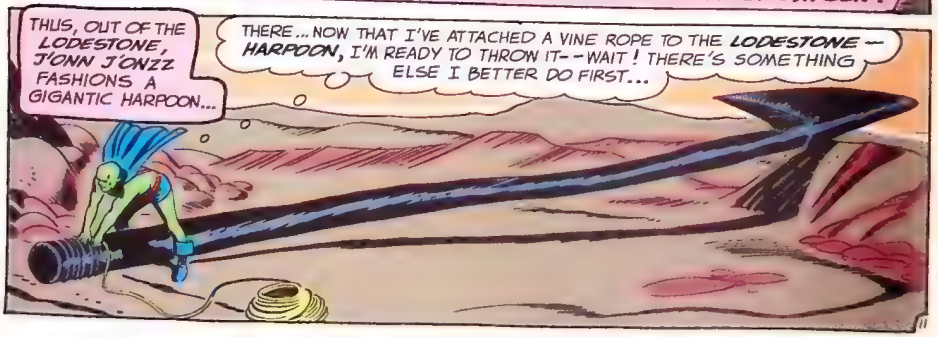

BUT AS HE NEARS THE MIGHTY STONE CITADEL OF THE GROMAR OF MOSTEEL...
A GIGANTIC BARRIER OF FIRE--ALL AROUND THE CITADEL!
IT'S A STALE-MATE, J'ONN J'ONZZ! I CAN'T CAPTURE YOU--BUT NEITHER CAN YOU CAPTURE ME!

FROM HIGH ABOVE--FROM DEEP BELOW THE GROUND--THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER SEEKS TO PENETRATE THE FIERY BARRIER...
KROMM KNOWS THAT FIRE SAPS MY SUPER-POWERS! I CAN'T GO TOO CLOSE--OR I'LL COLLAPSE!
THE CITADEL'S COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY FIRE! I CAN'T GET IN TO HIM!


WITH HIS MARTIAN SUPER-VISION, J'ONN J'ONZZ SCANS THE SUB-SURFACE OF THE ENTIRE PLANET...
IF I CAN'T GET IN TO KROMM--MAYBE I CAN BRING KROMM OUT TO ME! TO DO THAT I MUST FIND SOME LODESTONE... WHICH HAS THE MAGNETIC PROPERTY TO ATTRACT IRON... AND THAT'S WHAT KROMM'S BODY IS COMPOSED OF!


BUT WHEN HIS SEARCH FAILS TO REVEAL ANY LODESTONE ON THE PLANET...
IF I CAN'T FIND ANY LODESTONE, I'LL HAVE TO MAKE SOME OUT OF HEMATITE, OF WHICH THERE IS AN ABUNDANT SUPPLY! THE CHEMICAL FORMULA FOR HEMATITE IS Fe_2O_3*--FOR LODESTONE, Fe_3O_4! WITH MY MARTIAN KNOWLEDGE OF TRANSMUTATION, I'LL ADD ONE ATOM OF IRON AND ONE OF OXYGEN TO HEMATITE...THUS OBTAINING LODESTONE!
*Editor's Note: Fe_2O_3 MEANS TWO ATOMS OF IRON IN COMBINATION WITH THREE ATOMS OF OXYGEN!


THUS, OUT OF THE LODESTONE, J'ONN J'ONZZ FASHIONS A GIGANTIC HARPOON...
THERE...NOW THAT I'VE ATTACHED A VINE ROPE TO THE LODESTONE--HARPOON, I'M READY TO THROW IT--WAIT! THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I BETTER DO FIRST...

SHORTLY, J'ONN J'ONZZ FLINGS THE HARPOON STRAIGHT AT THE STONE CITADEL...
I HURLED IT HARD ENOUGH TO MAKE IT CRASH RIGHT THROUGH THE WALLS!
IN HIS THRONE ROOM, KROMM FINDS HIMSELF DRAWN COMPULSIVELY TOWARD THE MAGNETIC HARPOON...
J'ONN J'ONZZ--HAS PROVED FAR CLEVERER THAN I--ANTICIPATED! I CAN'T ESCAPE HIS MAGNETIC WEAPON!
GRASPING THE VINE ROPE FIRMLY, THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER GIVES A TREMENDOUS YANK AND--
I'VE HAULED IN A PRIZED CATCH!
AS KROMM BECOMES THE FIRST CAPTIVE OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE...
KANJAR RO OUTSMARTED ME! HE PICKED A BETTER WEAPON IN YOU, J'ONN J'ONZZ!
WE'LL WAIT HERE FOR KANJAR RO TO PICK US UP!
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The SLAVE SHIP OF SPACE
CHAPTER 3
NOW THAT YOU KNOW THE LANGUAGE OF MY ENEMY, HYATHIS, YOU'RE EQUIPPED TO DO BATTLE WITH HER... SO OVER YOU GO, WONDER WOMAN AND AQUAMAN!
HIGH ABOVE THE PLANET ALSTAIR, THE AMAZING AMAZON AND THE OCEAN WIZARD DIVE FROM THE SLAVE-SHIP! RIDING THE WIND CURRENTS--DIVING FOR A MIGHTY OCEAN--THE DAREDEVIL DUO BEGINS ITS HUNT FOR HYATHIS, THE FLOWER-WOMAN QUEEN...
AS THEY HURTLE DOWNWARD FROM THE UPPER ATMOSPHERE...
SOON AS I LAND, AQUAMAN, I'LL BUILD A GLIDER AND FLY AROUND THIS PLANET!
WHILE YOU HUNT FOR HYATHIS IN THE AIR, I'LL QUESTION THE UNDERSEA CREATURES ABOUT HER WHEREABOUTS!
DOWN INTO THE DEPTHS OF A VAST OCEAN DIVES AQUAMAN, TELEPATHICALLY QUESTIONING THE DENIZENS OF THE DEEP...
MY BROTHERS OF THE SEA, WHERE MAY I FIND HYATHIS?
NO NEED TO LOOK FOR ME, AQUAMAN! I'M HERE WAITING FOR YOU!
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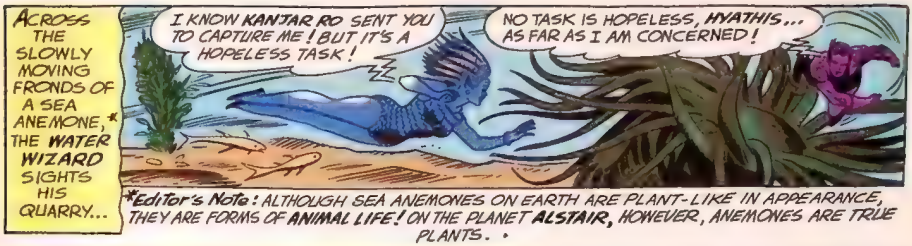
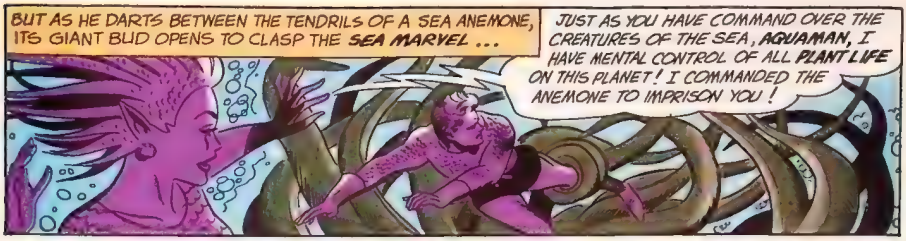
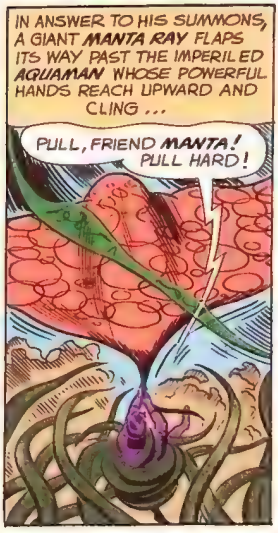

ACROSS THE SLOWLY MOVING FRONDS OF A SEA ANEMONE,* THE WATER WIZARD SIGHTS HIS QUARRY...
I KNOW KANJAR RO SENT YOU TO CAPTURE ME! BUT IT'S A HOPELESS TASK!
NO TASK IS HOPELESS, HYATHIS... AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED!
*Editor's Note: ALTHOUGH SEA ANEMONES ON EARTH ARE PLANT-LIKE IN APPEARANCE, THEY ARE FORMS OF ANIMAL LIFE! ON THE PLANET ALSTAIR, HOWEVER, ANEMONES ARE TRUE PLANTS.


BUT AS HE DARTS BETWEEN THE TENDRILS OF A SEA ANEMONE, ITS GIANT BUD OPENS TO CLASP THE SEA MARVEL ...
JUST AS YOU HAVE COMMAND OVER THE CREATURES OF THE SEA, AQUAMAN, I HAVE MENTAL CONTROL OF ALL PLANT LIFE ON THIS PLANET! I COMMANDED THE ANEMONE TO IMPRISON YOU!

WRITHING AND TWISTING, THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBER STRUGGLES TO KEEP THE DEADLY PETALS FROM COMPLETELY ABSORBING HIM...
TOO MANY PETALS--CAN'T PUSH THEM ALL AWAY! BETTER SUMMON HELP!

THROUGH THE WATERS OF THE ALSTAIRIC SEA FLASH AQUAMAN'S MENTAL COMMANDS...
BROTHERS OF THE OCEAN DEPTHS-- HELP ME! COME SWIFTLY!


IN ANSWER TO HIS SUMMONS, A GIANT MANTA RAY FLAPS ITS WAY PAST THE IMPERILED AQUAMAN WHOSE POWERFUL HANDS REACH UPWARD AND CLING ...
PULL, FRIEND MANTA! PULL HARD!

YANKED FREE OF THE DEADLY TRAP, THE SEA KING DARTS THROUGH THE MARINE CURRENTS AFTER HIS QUARRY..
NICELY DONE, AQUAMAN--BUT YOU ESCAPED ONE TRAP..ONLY TO FALL INTO ANOTHER!

AS THE SUBMARINE SWIMMER WHIPS THROUGH THE WATER, THE THICK TENDRIL OF AN UNDERSEA RUBBER PLANT LASHES ABOUT HIS CHEST...
UHH! THIS THING IS STRONGER THAN AN ELEPHANT'S TRUNK!
LIFT HIM-- HIGH ABOVE THE WATER!
SUSPENDED IN MID-AIR, THE WATER WIZARD IS TAUNTED BY HYATHIS...
UNLESS YOU RETURN TO WATER IN AN HOUR, YOU'RE FINISHED, AQUAMAN! NONE OF YOUR SEA CREATURES CAN HELP YOU NOW!
IN THE MEANTIME, WONDER WOMAN HAS CONSTRUCTED HER GLIDER AND IS NOW RIDING THE WIND CURRENTS, SEARCHING FOR THE ALSTAIRIAN RULER, WHEN...
SUFFERING SAPPHO! THOSE FAN-SHAPED TREES BEGAN WAVING SUDDENLY-- CAUSING AN AIR TURBULENCE LIKE THAT OF A HURRICANE! I CAN'T CONTROL THE GLIDER!
TOSSED ABOUT LIKE A LEAF IN A GALE, THE GLIDER PLUNGES INTO A DEEP VALLEY...
I'VE BEATEN YOU, WONDER WOMAN, AS I'VE BEATEN AQUAMAN!
MIGHTY ECHOES RING FROM ROCKY WALL TO ROCKY WALL, DEAFENING THE EARTH GIRL...
OOOH... THOSE FLOWERS... ECHOING HYATHIS' VOICE OVER AND OVER!
BEATEN YOU...
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BEATEN YOU...

UNCOILING HER MAGIC LASSO, WONDER WOMAN MAKES A TREMENDOUS TOSS...
GREAT HERA... GUIDE MY AIM! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE IN A HURRY. IF THAT FLOWER-WOMAN THINKS SHE CAN STOP ME THIS EASILY SHE'S GOT ANOTHER THINK COMING!
AS SHE CLAMBERS UPWARD...
THE TREE IS BENDING UNDER MY WEIGHT!
THEN, WITH A VICIOUS SNAP, THE TREE JERKS UPWARD--CARRYING THE AMAZON HIGH INTO THE AIR, CLINGING HELPLESSLY TO HER LARIAT...
OH, MERCIFUL MINERVA! THE TREE ONLY BENT SO IT COULD WHIP AROUND AND FLING ME THROUGH THE AIR!
...AND LANDS IN A GEYSERING SPRAY OF WATER CLOSE BESIDE THE IMPRISONED AQUAMAN...
WELCOME, WONDER WOMAN! TAKE YOUR PLACE WITH YOUR FELLOW-PRISONER--HE ABOVE THE SEA--YOU BELOW IT! HE NEEDS WATER TO SURVIVE--YOU NEED AIR!
CAUGHT AND HELD UNDERWATER BY A THICK RUBBERY TENDRIL, WONDER WOMAN DISCOVERS IT RESISTS HER EVERY EFFORT TO FIGHT FREE...
NO MATTER WHICH WAY I GO...
THE RUBBER ARM SNAPS ME BACK!
TRIUMPHANT LAUGHTER RINGS OUT...
HA! HA! STRUGGLE ALL YOU WANT--YOU'LL COLLAPSE FROM LACK OF AIR THAT MUCH SOONER!
I'VE GOT TO CAUSE A DISTRACTION--GIVE WONDER WOMAN A CHANCE TO USE HER SUPER-STRENGTH TO BREAK FREE!
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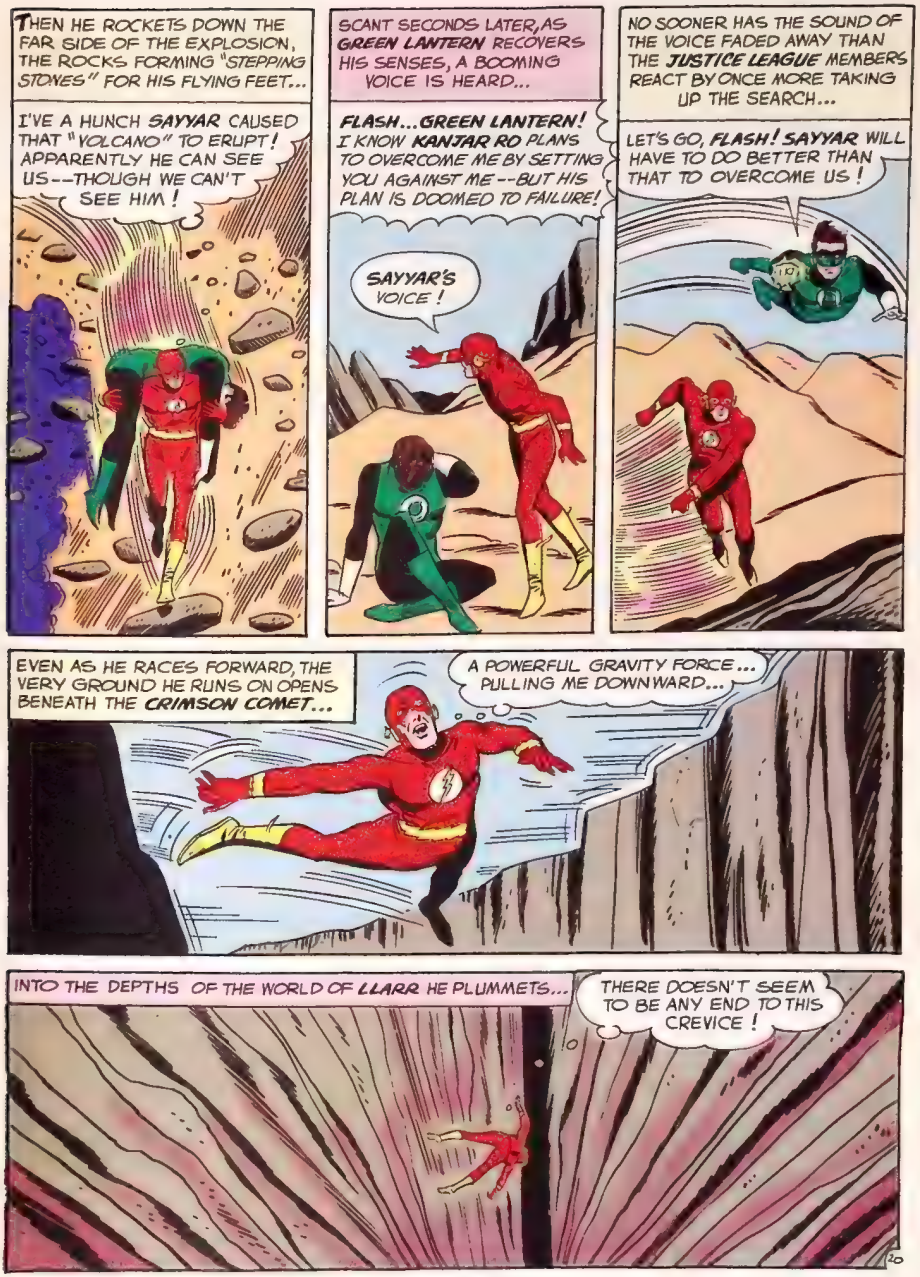
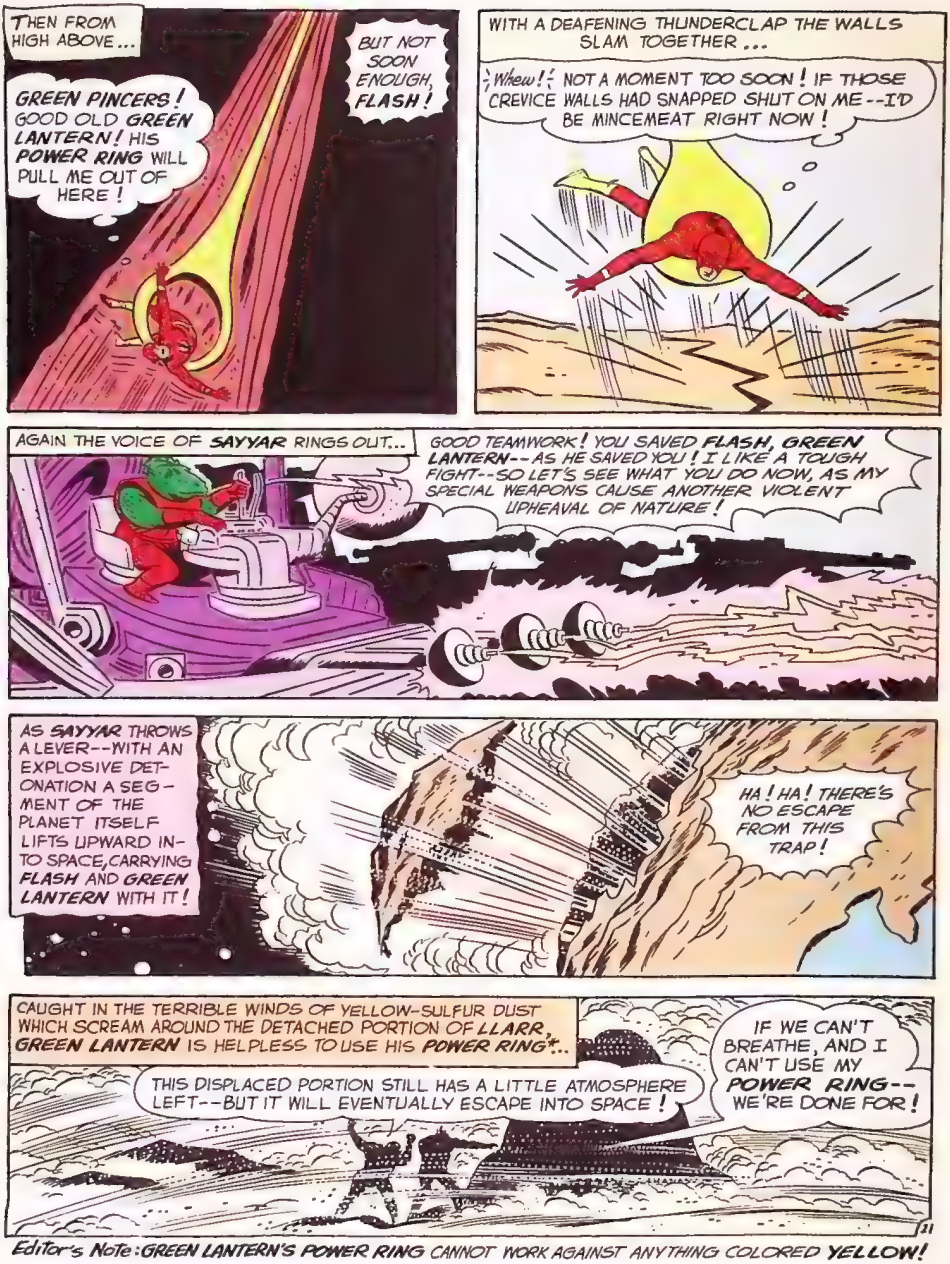
AT AQUAMAN'S SILENT SUMMONS, A SWORD-FISH ATTACKS THE TENDRIL, BUT ...
FOOL! DIDN'T YOU REALIZE I'D ORDER THE RUBBER PLANT TO DODGE YOUR FINNY FRIEND?
IN THOSE FEW SECONDS DURING WHICH HYATHIS TURNS TO SPEAK TO AQUAMAN, WONDER WOMAN HURLS HER-SELF FORWARD..
I MUST USE ALL MY AMAZON STRENGTH TO SWIM AS FAST AND AS FAR AS I CAN!
BEHIND HER THE TENDRIL STRETCHES FURTHER AND FURTHER ...
THE TENDRIL STRETCHES JUST LIKE RUBBER!
THINNER AND THINNER GROWS THE TENDRIL UNTIL ...
JUST LIKE A RUBBER BAND WILL SNAP IF STRETCHED TOO FAR-- SO DID THE RUBBER PLANT'S TENDRIL!
FREED OF THE AWESOME CLUTCH OF THE UNDER-SEA PLANT, THE AMAZON BURSTS UPWARD RIGHT UNDER HYATHIS -- AND...
OHH!
YOU'RE MY PRISONER NOW, HYATHIS! I GOT AWAY FROM YOU -- BUT YOU'LL NEVER BREAK FREE OF MY GOLDEN LASSO!
LATER, AFTER AQUAMAN HAS BEEN RELEASED...
KANJAR RO MADE A GOOD CHOICE PICKING YOU TWO TO FIGHT ME! I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D WIN!
WIN WE DID, THOUGH-- SO NOW WE'LL WAIT FOR KANJAR RO TO RETURN FOR US IN HIS GALLEY!

The SLAVE SHIP OF SPACE CHAPTER 4
WHILE YOU GO ABOUT YOUR ASSIGNMENT ON THIS PLANET, FLASH AND GREEN LANTERN, I'LL RETURN TO THE OTHER PLANETS AND CHECK UP ON HOW YOUR FELLOW JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS HAVE MADE OUT!
IN FREE FALL, FLASH HURTLES GROUNDWARD WHILE BELOW HIM GREEN LANTERN SWOOPS THROUGH THE WIND CURRENTS..
THE AIR'S GETTING THICKER NOW...SO I'LL START VIBRATING MY FEET... AND MAKE A SOFT LANDING ON THIS WORLD...
JABBING DOWNWARD WITH HIS FEET, THE CRIMSON CAVALIER BUILDS UP AN AIR CUSHION WHICH LOWERS HIM GENTLY TO THE GROUND...
I'LL SEARCH FOR SAYYAR ON THE GROUND, GREEN LANTERN!
RIGHT! AND I'LL BE HUNTING HIM IN THE AIR!
ABSORBING THE LANGUAGE OF THE PLANET LLARR, THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER AND THE EMERALD GLADIATOR LEAP OVERBOARD! THEIR MISSION: TO SEEK OUT AND CAPTURE SAYYAR, JEFFAN OF LLARR...

BUT SUDDENLY--AS GREEN LANTERN ROCKETS THROUGH THE AIR--THE GROUND BENEATH HIM ERUPTS IN A PILLAR OF SEARING FLAME AND SHOOTING ROCKS...
OHHH! THOSE COMPRESSION WAVES--HITTING ME--DAZING ME!
SO SWIFT AND DEADLY IS THE TERRIBLE CONCUSSION THAT HE IS STUNNED INTO INSENSIBILITY BEFORE HE CAN DRAW ON HIS POWER RING TO SAVE HIM...
FROM BELOW, THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER OBSERVES GREEN LANTERN'S PLIGHT...
A DEAD FALL FROM THAT HEIGHT WILL KILL GREEN LANTERN--UNLESS...
WITH A SPEED SO GREAT THAT HE BECOMES A BLUR, FLASH HURTLES UP THE FALLING ROCKS...
I'M MOVING SO SWIFTLY THAT THESE ROCKS--ALTHOUGH FALLING--APPEAR TO BE COMPLETELY MOTIONLESS! THEY MAKE A CONVENIENT STAIRCASE TO GREEN LANTERN!
A MOMENT LATER FLASH'S ARMS CLOSE ON GREEN LANTERN...
GOT HIM!


THEN HE ROCKETS DOWN THE FAR SIDE OF THE EXPLOSION, THE ROCKS FORMING "STEPPING STONES" FOR HIS FLYING FEET...
I'VE A HUNCH SAYYAR CAUSED THAT "VOLCANO" TO ERUPT! APPARENTLY HE CAN SEE US--THOUGH WE CAN'T SEE HIM!
SCANT SECONDS LATER, AS GREEN LANTERN RECOVERS HIS SENSES, A BOOMING VOICE IS HEARD...
FLASH...GREEN LANTERN! I KNOW KANJAR RO PLANS TO OVERCOME ME BY SETTING YOU AGAINST ME--BUT HIS PLAN IS DOOMED TO FAILURE!
SAYYAR'S VOICE!
NO SOONER HAS THE SOUND OF THE VOICE FADED AWAY THAN THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS REACT BY ONCE MORE TAKING UP THE SEARCH...
LET'S GO, FLASH! SAYYAR WILL HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN THAT TO OVERCOME US!
EVEN AS HE RACES FORWARD, THE VERY GROUND HE RUNS ON OPENS BENEATH THE CRIMSON COMET...
A POWERFUL GRAVITY FORCE... PULLING ME DOWNWARD...
INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE WORLD OF LLARR HE PLUMMETS...
THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY END TO THIS CREVICE!


THEN FROM HIGH ABOVE...
GREEN PINCERS! GOOD OLD GREEN LANTERN! HIS POWER RING WILL PULL ME OUT OF HERE!
BUT NOT SOON ENOUGH, FLASH!
WITH A DEAFENING THUNDERCLAP THE WALLS SLAM TOGETHER...
Whew! NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON! IF THOSE CREVICE WALLS HAD SNAPPED SHUT ON ME--I'D BE MINCEMEAT RIGHT NOW!
AGAIN THE VOICE OF SAYYAR RINGS OUT...
GOOD TEAMWORK! YOU SAVED FLASH, GREEN LANTERN--AS HE SAVED YOU! I LIKE A TOUGH FIGHT--SO LET'S SEE WHAT YOU DO NOW, AS MY SPECIAL WEAPONS CAUSE ANOTHER VIOLENT UPHEAVAL OF NATURE!
AS SAYYAR THROWS A LEVER--WITH AN EXPLOSIVE DETONATION A SEGMENT OF THE PLANET ITSELF LIFTS UPWARD INTO SPACE, CARRYING FLASH AND GREEN LANTERN WITH IT!
HA! HA! THERE'S NO ESCAPE FROM THIS TRAP!
CAUGHT IN THE TERRIBLE WINDS OF YELLOW-SULFUR DUST WHICH SCREAM AROUND THE DETACHED PORTION OF LLARR, GREEN LANTERN IS HELPLESS TO USE HIS POWER RING...
THIS DISPLACED PORTION STILL HAS A LITTLE ATMOSPHERE LEFT--BUT IT WILL EVENTUALLY ESCAPE INTO SPACE!
IF WE CAN'T BREATHE, AND I CAN'T USE MY POWER RING--WE'RE DONE FOR!
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Editor's Note: GREEN LANTERN'S POWER RING CANNOT WORK AGAINST ANYTHING COLORED YELLOW!

GASPING FOR BREATH IN THE THICK, CHOKING FUMES OF SULFUR DUST, THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER STARTS TO CIRCLE AROUND THE TORN-OFF WORLD...
I HAVE AN IDEA! IT'S A THIN CHANCE... BUT I'VE GOT TO TRY!
FASTER AND FASTER HE RACES-- COVERED BY DUST, CHOKING SO MUCH HE CAN HARDLY BREATHE-- UNTIL BEHIND HIM A TOWERING COLUMN OF SULFUROUS DUST RISES SPACEWARD...
GREAT WORK, FLASH! YOU'VE PULLED ALL THE YELLOW DUST AWAY FROM ME! NOW I CAN USE MY POWER RING!
TITANIC ROCKET JETS APPEAR IN ANSWER TO THE EMERALD GLADIATOR'S WILL...
THESE JETS WILL SEND US BACK TO THE PLANET AT SUCH TREMENDOUS SPEED, THE SEGMENT WE'RE STANDING ON WILL BE JAMMED BACK INTO PLACE!
THE IMPACT OF THE FRAGMENT'S RETURN TO LLARR SENDS GIGANTIC SHOCK WAVES WHIPPING AROUND THE PLANET, WITH A FORCE A THOUSAND TIMES GREATER THAN AN ATOM BOMB...
THIS FORCE-FIELD BUBBLE WILL PROTECT US--BUT NOTHING CAN PROTECT SAYYAR FROM THE EFFECTS OF THOSE SHOCK WAVES! HE'LL BE KNOCKED COLD!
FOR A LITTLE WHILE SAYYAR LIES UNCONSCIOUS IN HIS ARSENAL, AND WHEN HE OPENS HIS EYES...
KANJAR RO-- HAS WON!
HE WILL BE RETURNING FOR US, SOON! LET'S GO MEET HIM, SAYYAR!
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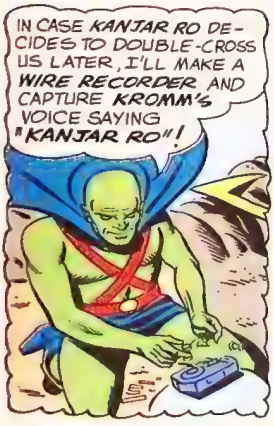
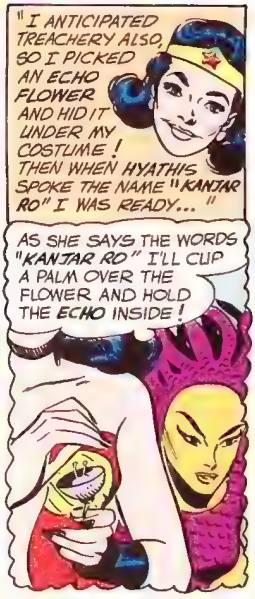
The SLAVE SHIP OF SPACE
CHAPTER 5
YOU'VE DONE YOUR WORK WELL, MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA! ALL THAT REMAINS NOW IS FOR ME TO PICK UP FLASH AND GREEN LANTERN WITH THE DEFEATED SAYYAR!
AFTER ROUNDING UP TWO OF HIS DEFEATED RIVAL RULERS, KANJAR RO RETURNS TO THE PLANET LLARR...
AS SAYYAR STEPS INTO THE STARSHIP, KANJAR RO LIFTS HIS GLOWING ROD AND...
THERE! MY ENEMIES CANNOT SPEAK UNTIL I REVERSE THE STUPOR BEAM WHICH NOW AFFECTS THEM!
WHY DID YOU DO THAT, KANJAR RO? ONLY IF THE THREE DEFEATED RULERS SIMULTANEOUSLY SPEAK YOUR NAME CAN THE PEOPLE OF EARTH BE RELEASED FROM THEIR PARALYSIS!
I DID IT FOR MY OWN PROTECTION... TO GUARANTEE YOU DON'T TURN ON ME ONCE THE EARTHMEN ARE FREE!

IF MY POWER RING HADN'T LOST ITS 24-HOUR CHARGE I COULD FREE THEM AND FORCE THEM TO SAY HIS NAME!
I THOUGHT KANJAR RO MIGHT PULL A FAST ONE ON US, SO WHEN THE CAPTURED SAYYAR SPOKE THE NAME KANJAR RO, I CAUGHT IT ON MY WRIST-RADIO WATCH!*

*Editor's Note: THIS AMAZING WATCH WAS INTRODUCED IN SHOWCASE #13, IN THE STORY ENTITLED "AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 MINUTES!"

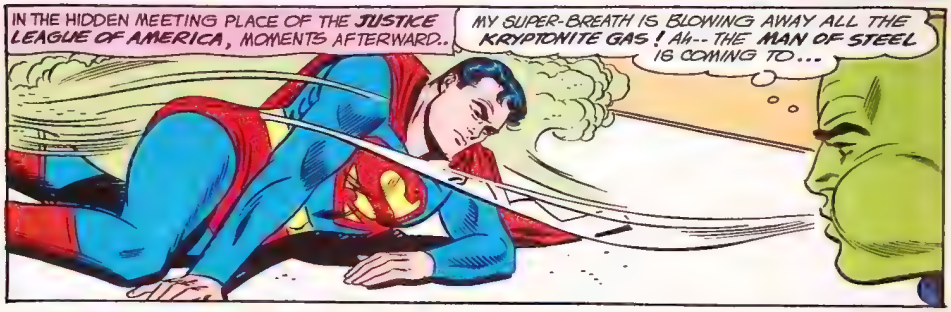
FORTUNATELY, I HAD THE SAME IDEA, FLASH! I'VE GOT KROMM'S VOICE TOO!
THAT'S WONDERFUL NEWS--BECAUSE I HAVE HYATHIS' VOICE! HOW DID YOU RECORD KROMM'S VOICE, J'ONN J'ONZZ?

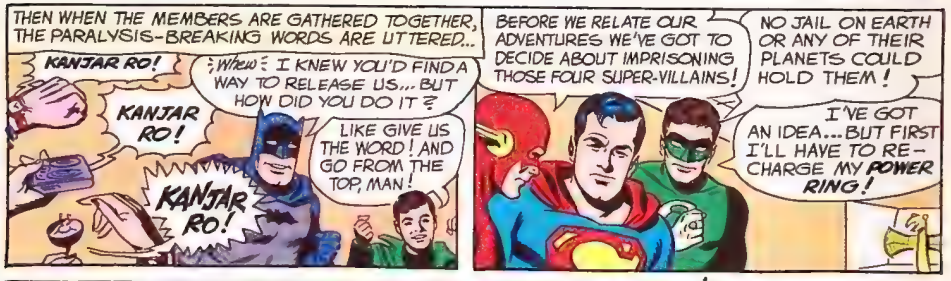



"I ANTICIPATED TREACHERY ALSO, SO I PICKED AN ECHO FLOWER AND HID IT UNDER MY COSTUME! THEN WHEN HYATHIS SPOKE THE NAME "KANJAR RO" I WAS READY..."
AS SHE SAYS THE WORDS "KANJAR RO" I'LL CUP A PALM OVER THE FLOWER AND HOLD THE ECHO INSIDE!

NOW THAT WE CAN REPRODUCE THE VOICES OF THE THREE RULERS SPEAKING YOUR NAME, KANJAR RO... THERE'LL NOT ONLY BE NO DEAL WITH YOU--BUT WE'RE MAKING YOU OUR PRISONER!

AS THE HYPER-SPATIAL CRAFT ENTERS EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE, JONN JONZZ LEAPS OVER ITS SIDE..
MY MARTIAN VISION SHOWS ME SUPERMAN HAS BEEN TRAPPED BY KRYPTONITE GAS IN OUR HEADQUARTERS! I'LL SPEED AHEAD AND FREE HIM!


IN THE HIDDEN MEETING PLACE OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, MOMENTS AFTERWARD..
MY SUPER-BREATH IS BLOWING AWAY ALL THE KRYPTONITE GAS! Ah-- THE MAN OF STEEL IS COMING TO...


THEN WHEN THE MEMBERS ARE GATHERED TOGETHER, THE PARALYSIS-BREAKING WORDS ARE UTTERED..
KANJAR RO!
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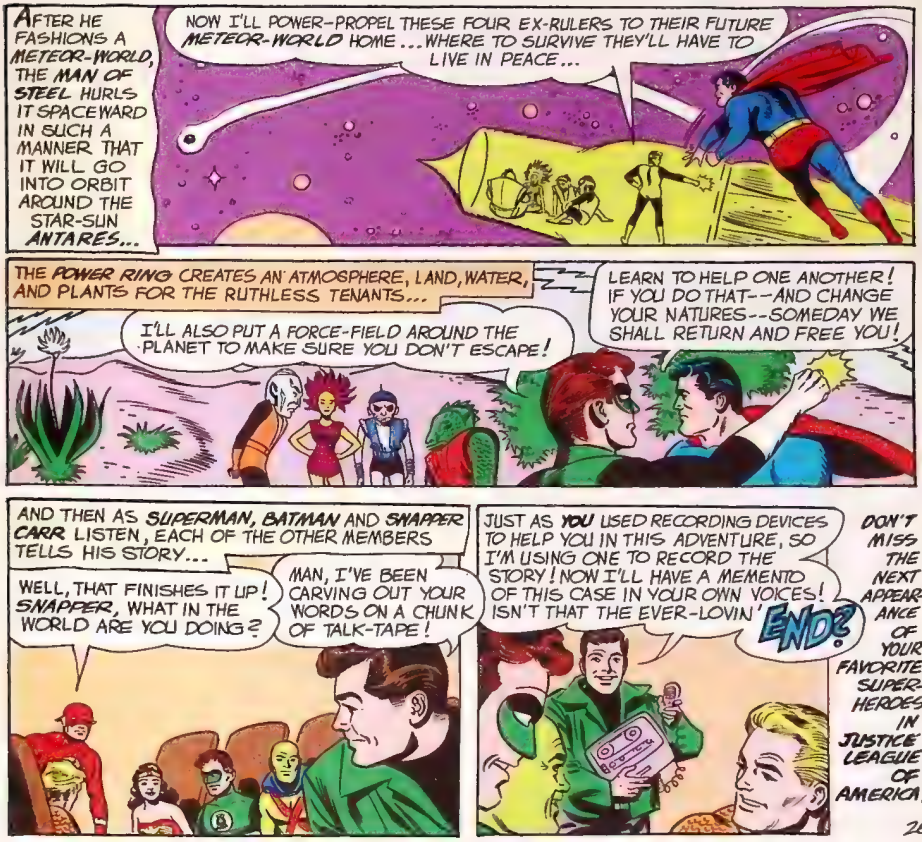
Whew! I KNEW YOU'D FIND A WAY TO RELEASE US... BUT HOW DID YOU DO IT?
LIKE GIVE US THE WORD! AND GO FROM THE TOP, MAN!
BEFORE WE RELATE OUR ADVENTURES WE'VE GOT TO DECIDE ABOUT IMPRISONING THOSE FOUR SUPER-VILLAINS!
NO JAIL ON EARTH OR ANY OF THEIR PLANETS COULD HOLD THEM!
I'VE GOT AN IDEA... BUT FIRST I'LL HAVE TO RE-CHARGE MY POWER RING!

LATER, IN RESPONSE TO THE EMERALD GLADIATOR'S SUGGESTION, SUPERMAN STREAKS INTO SPACE! FINDING A METEOR SHOWER, HE HURLS METEOR INTO METEOR, CAUSING THEM TO COALESCE...


AFTER HE FASHIONS A METEOR-WORLD, THE MAN OF STEEL HURLS IT SPACEWARD IN SUCH A MANNER THAT IT WILL GO INTO ORBIT AROUND THE STAR-SUN ANTARES...
NOW I'LL POWER-PROPEL THESE FOUR EX-RULERS TO THEIR FUTURE METEOR-WORLD HOME ...WHERE TO SURVIVE THEY'LL HAVE TO LIVE IN PEACE...
THE POWER RING CREATES AN ATMOSPHERE, LAND, WATER, AND PLANTS FOR THE RUTHLESS TENANTS...
I'LL ALSO PUT A FORCE-FIELD AROUND THE PLANET TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T ESCAPE!
LEARN TO HELP ONE ANOTHER! IF YOU DO THAT--AND CHANGE YOUR NATURES--SOMEDAY WE SHALL RETURN AND FREE YOU!
AND THEN AS SUPERMAN, BATMAN AND SNAPPER CARR LISTEN, EACH OF THE OTHER MEMBERS TELLS HIS STORY...
WELL, THAT FINISHES IT UP! SNAPPER, WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU DOING?
MAN, I'VE BEEN CARVING OUT YOUR WORDS ON A CHUNK OF TALK-TAPE!
JUST AS YOU USED RECORDING DEVICES TO HELP YOU IN THIS ADVENTURE, SO I'M USING ONE TO RECORD THE STORY! NOW I'LL HAVE A MEMENTO OF THIS CASE IN YOUR OWN VOICES! ISN'T THAT THE EVER-LOVIN'
END?
DON'T MISS THE NEXT APPEARANCE OF YOUR FAVORITE SUPER-HEROES IN JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA!
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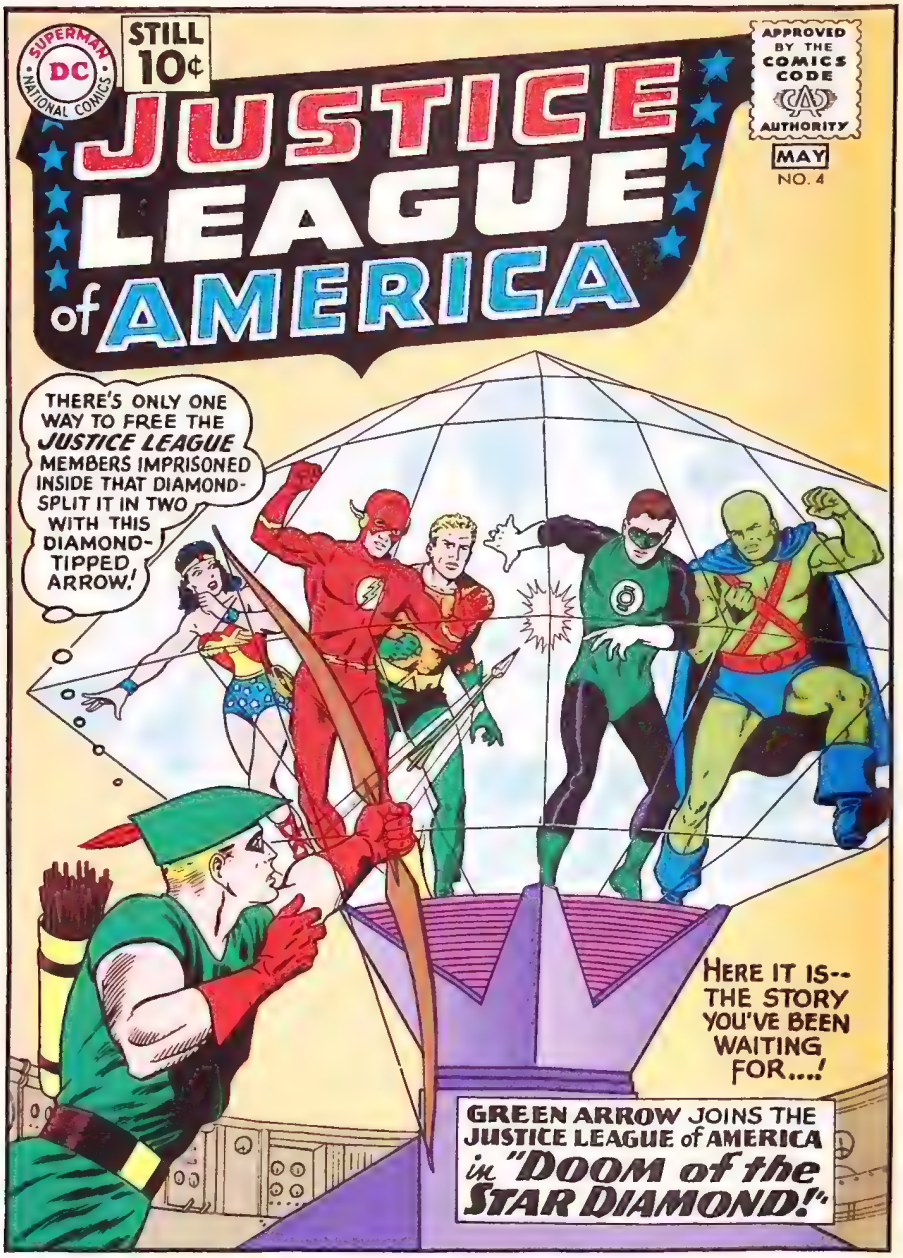
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THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FREE THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS IMPRISONED INSIDE THAT DIAMOND- SPLIT IT IN TWO WITH THIS DIAMOND-TIPPED ARROW!
HERE IT IS-- THE STORY YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR...!
GREEN ARROW JOINS THE JUSTICE LEAGUE of AMERICA in "DOOM of the STAR DIAMOND!"

JUSTICE LEAGUE of AMERICA

HEREBY ELECTS

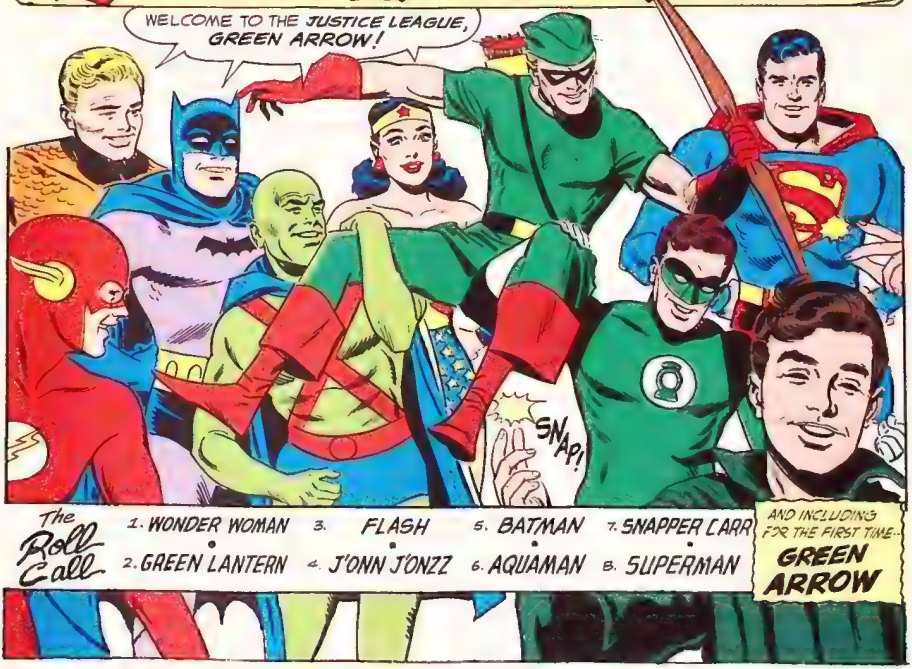
GREEN ARROW

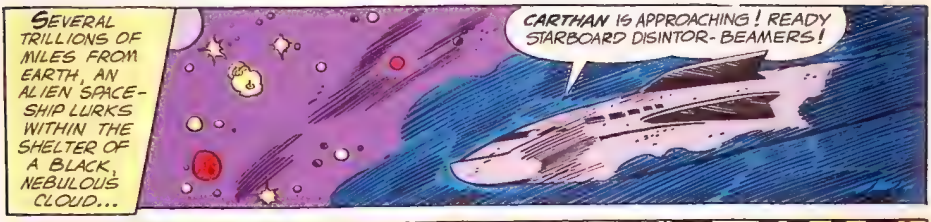
TO MEMBERSHIP FOR LIFE --WITH ALL PRIVILEGES AND GRATUITIES INCLUDING THE WEARING OF THE SIGNAL DEVICE AND POSSESSION OF THE GOLDEN KEY WHICH PERMITS ENTRY INTO THE SECRET SANCTUARY, ITS LIBRARY AND SOUVENIR ROOMS. IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED AND ACTED UPON, THAT...

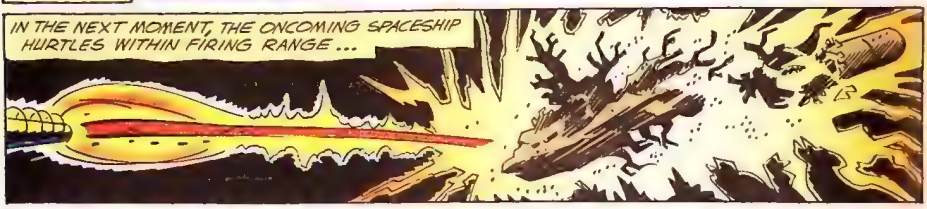
GREEN ARROW

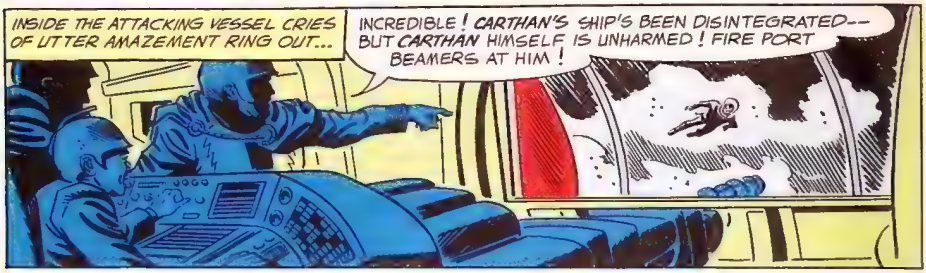
SHALL RECEIVE A SPECIAL COMMENDATION FOR HIS EXPERT ASSISTANCE IN THE CASE WE HAVE ENTITLED ON OUR SCROLLS...

DOOM of the STAR DIAMOND!




SEVERAL TRILLIONS OF MILES FROM EARTH, AN ALIEN SPACE-SHIP LURKS WITHIN THE SHELTER OF A BLACK, NEBULOUS CLOUD...
CARTHAN IS APPROACHING! READY STARBOARD DISINTOR-BEAMERS!


IN THE NEXT MOMENT, THE ONCOMING SPACESHIP HURTLES WITHIN FIRING RANGE ...


INSIDE THE ATTACKING VESSEL CRIES OF UTTER AMAZEMENT RING OUT...
INCREDIBLE! CARTHAN'S SHIP'S BEEN DISINTEGRATED-- BUT CARTHAN HIMSELF IS UNHARMED! FIRE PORT BEAMERS AT HIM!

DISSOLUTION RAYS OF AWE-SOME POWER BATHE THE HELPLESSLY DRIFTING SPACE-MAN...
CARTHAN HAS BECOME INDE-STRUCTIBLE! THOSE RAYS WOULD TURN SOLID STEEL TO POWDER! BUT THEY DON'T HARM HIM! GET HIM INSIDE HERE WITH A SNATCH-BEAM!

SHORTLY, CARTHAN-- WARLORD OF THE SPACE-FLEETS OF THE PLANET DRYANNA-- STANDS A PRISONER OF HIS PLANETARY RULER ...
XANDOR! I--I DON'T UNDER-STAND! WHY TRY TO DESTROY ME? I'VE JUST CONQUERED OUR ANCIENT ENEMIES THE SLYSSA FOR OUR PEOPLE!
EXACTLY! YOU'VE BE-COME A-- GREAT HERO!

MOST PEOPLE ON DRYANNA SECRETLY CALL ME A DICTATOR! YOUR FRIENDS--CERTAIN SCIENTISTS--HOPE TO OVERTHROW ME AND ESTABLISH A GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE-- AND WANT YOU TO LEAD THE REVOLT!
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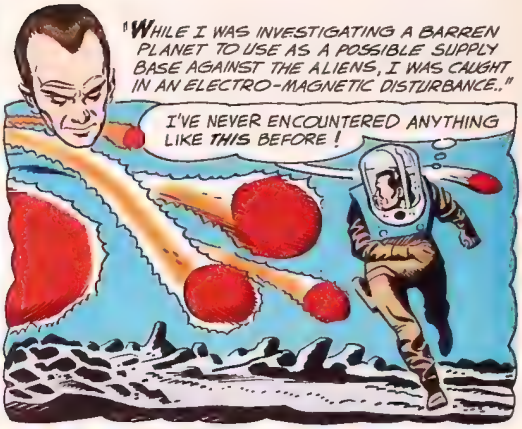
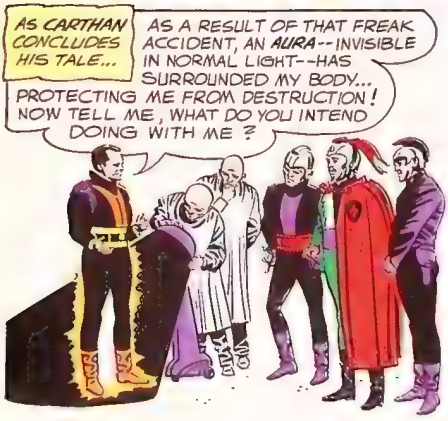
OBVIOUSLY I CANNOT LET YOU GO HOME TO DRYANNA! JUST AS OBVIOUSLY I CANNOT DESTROY YOU! ALL I CAN DO IS IMPRISON YOU! BUT BEFORE I DECIDE WHERE--TELL ME! WHAT HAPPENED TO MAKE YOU INDESTRUCTIBLE?
IT OCCURRED WHILE I WAS ON A LONE SCOUTING MISSION AGAINST THE SLYSSA...


"WHILE I WAS INVESTIGATING A BARREN PLANET TO USE AS A POSSIBLE SUPPLY BASE AGAINST THE ALIENS, I WAS CAUGHT IN AN ELECTRO-MAGNETIC DISTURBANCE.."
I'VE NEVER ENCOUNTERED ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE!

"UPWARD FROM THE HIGHLY MAGNETIC PLANET JETTED SPIRALS OF RAW ENERGY, TRAPPING ME BETWEEN THEM AND BATHING ME FOR AN HOUR IN UNIMAGINABLE RADIATIONS..."
WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME...?


AS CARTHAN CONCLUDES HIS TALE...
AS A RESULT OF THAT FREAK ACCIDENT, AN AURA--INVISIBLE IN NORMAL LIGHT--HAS SURROUNDED MY BODY... PROTECTING ME FROM DESTRUCTION! NOW TELL ME, WHAT DO YOU INTEND DOING WITH ME?

AFTER CONFERRING WITH HIS ADVISORS, XANDOR REACHES A DECISION...
I CAN'T IMPRISON YOU IN A JAIL OR ON A PLANET NEAR OUR HOME PLANET, FOR YOU COULD TELEPATH TO YOUR SCIENTIST FRIENDS FOR HELP! I HAVE ANOTHER PRISON UNDER CONSIDERATION, HOWEVER--A PLANET CALLED EARTH!
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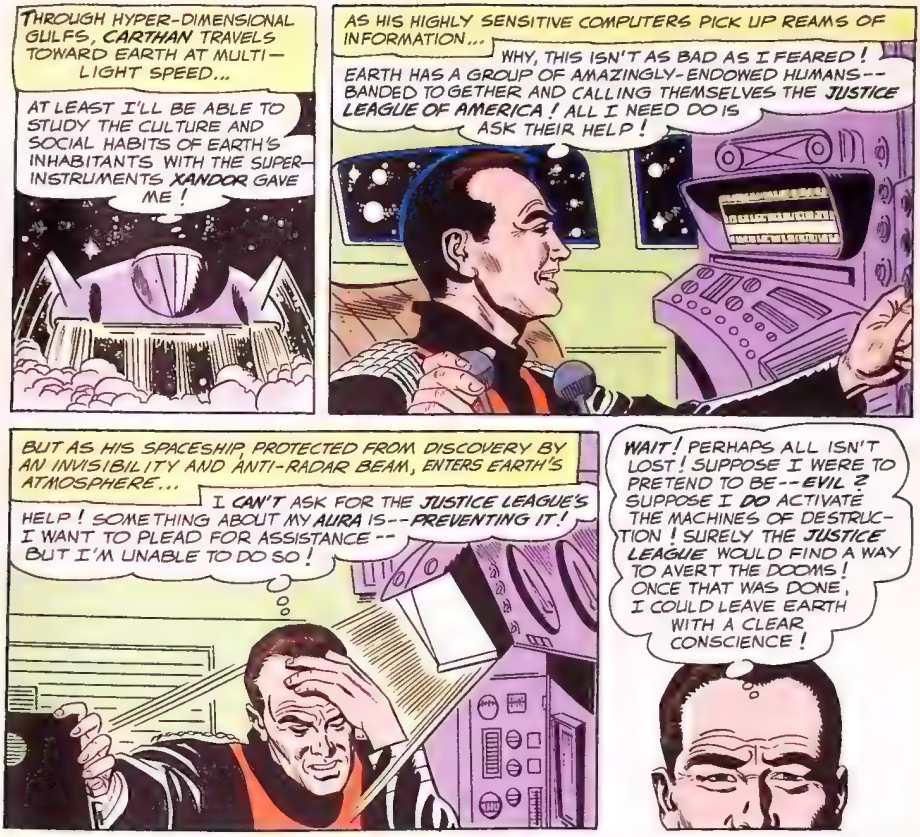
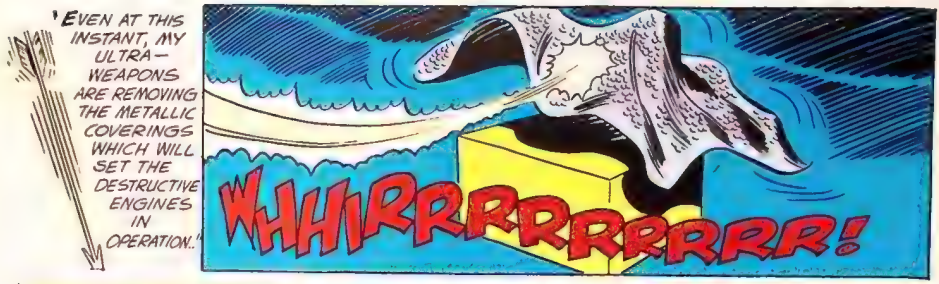
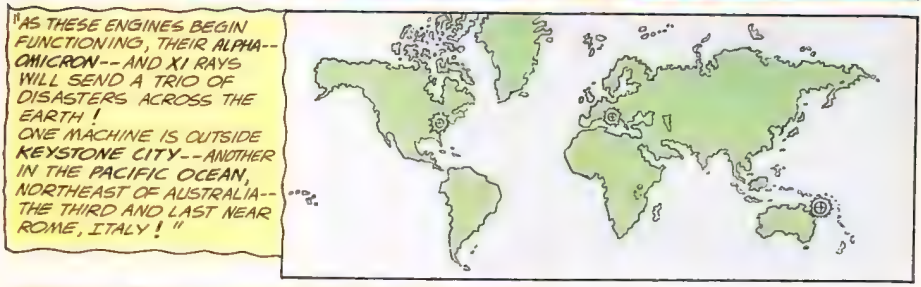
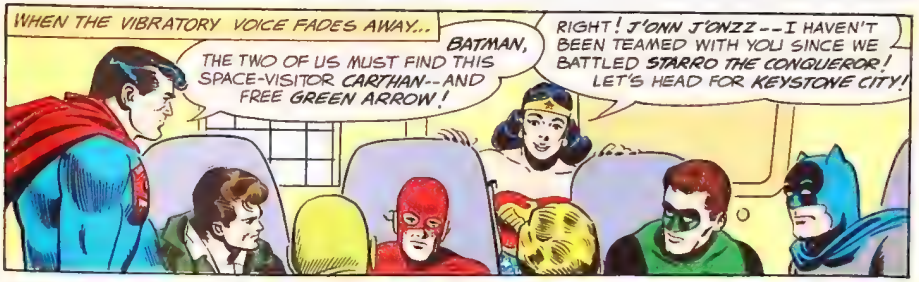
YOU'RE A VERY IMPORTANT MAN, SO WE'LL TREAT YOU WELL! I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A FINE SPACESHIP--WHICH WILL BRING YOU ON AUTOMATIC CONTROLS TO EARTH! HOWEVER--
WE ARE TELEPORTING THREE GOLDEN BOX-MACHINES AHEAD OF YOU, DESIGNED TO KEEP YOU ON EARTH PERMANENTLY! SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO LEAVE EARTH, THESE MACHINES WILL CAUSE YOUR AURA TO BE COATED WITH OPAQALUX--BLINDING YOU FOREVER!
BLIND, YOU COULD NEVER FIND YOUR WAY BACK TO DRYANNA, OR LEAD A REVOLT AGAINST MY DICTATORSHIP! EARTH IS A DAWN ATOMIC ERA PLANET, WITHOUT SPACE-TRAVEL! SO YOU'LL GET NO HELP THERE!
IF YOU REMOVE THE METALLIC COVERINGS OF THE BOX-MACHINES, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ESCAPE FROM EARTH WITH YOUR EYESIGHT INTACT! HOWEVER--THE INSTANT YOU REMOVE THE COVERINGS, YOU ACTIVATE THE MACHINES! ONCE TURNED ON...YOU'LL BE UNABLE TO TURN THE MACHINES OFF... AND THEY'LL DESTROY ALL HUMAN LIFE ON EARTH!
YOU'RE A HUMANITARIAN, CARTHAN! YOU WOULDN'T DELIBERATELY HARM THE BILLIONS OF PEOPLE ON EARTH--EVEN TO SAVE YOURSELF! THAT'S WHY I'M SO CONFIDENT EARTH WILL BE YOUR HOME THE REMAINDER OF YOUR LIFE...
ON A WORLD TOO FAR AWAY FROM DRYANNA FOR CARTHAN TO TELEPATH FOR HELP, A SPACESHIP IS OUTFITTED FOR HIS JOURNEY TO EARTH..
THERE'S YOUR SPACESHIP, CARTHAN! IT WILL TAKE YOU AT SUPER-LIGHT SPEED TO EARTH WHETHER YOU WANT IT TO OR NOT! AFTER THAT--YOU WILL BE YOUR OWN JAILOR! YOU WON'T DARE DOOM ANYONE ON EARTH--SO YOU'LL LIVE OUT YOUR DAYS IN EXILE!


THROUGH HYPER-DIMENSIONAL GULFS, CARTHAN TRAVELS TOWARD EARTH AT MULTI—LIGHT SPEED...
AT LEAST I'LL BE ABLE TO STUDY THE CULTURE AND SOCIAL HABITS OF EARTH'S INHABITANTS WITH THE SUPER-INSTRUMENTS XANDOR GAVE ME!
AS HIS HIGHLY SENSITIVE COMPUTERS PICK UP REAMS OF INFORMATION...
WHY, THIS ISN'T AS BAD AS I FEARED! EARTH HAS A GROUP OF AMAZINGLY-ENDOWED HUMANS--BANDED TOGETHER AND CALLING THEMSELVES THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA! ALL I NEED DO IS ASK THEIR HELP!
BUT AS HIS SPACESHIP, PROTECTED FROM DISCOVERY BY AN INVISIBILITY AND ANTI-RADAR BEAM, ENTERS EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE...
I CAN'T ASK FOR THE JUSTICE LEAGUE'S HELP! SOMETHING ABOUT MY AURA IS--PREVENTING IT! I WANT TO PLEAD FOR ASSISTANCE--BUT I'M UNABLE TO DO SO!
WAIT! PERHAPS ALL ISN'T LOST! SUPPOSE I WERE TO PRETEND TO BE--EVIL? SUPPOSE I DO ACTIVATE THE MACHINES OF DESTRUCTION! SURELY THE JUSTICE LEAGUE WOULD FIND A WAY TO AVERT THE DOOMS! ONCE THAT WAS DONE, I COULD LEAVE EARTH WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE!
AT THIS MOMENT, IN THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, ITS MEMBERS ARE CONDUCTING A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING--WITH WONDER WOMAN AS ROTATING CHAIRMAN...
WE'RE HERE TO DISCUSS THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS! DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS?
REMEMBER--ACCORDING TO OUR CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS--WE CAN ADMIT ONLY ONE NEW MEMBER AT A TIME!
HOW ABOUT ADAM STRANGE? HE'S ACHIEVED AN EXCELLENT RECORD!
YES, BUT GREEN ARROW HAS BEEN DOING FINE WORK FOR A LONG TIME!
HOW ABOUT THAT NEWCOMER IN MIDWAY CITY? HE'S KNOWN AS HAWKMAN...

AFTER AN HOUR OF FRIENDLY ARGUMENT...
MADAME CHAIRLADY, I MOVE THAT GREEN ARROW BE ELECTED UNANIMOUSLY!
I SECOND THE MOTION!
BUT BEFORE THE AMAZON PRINCESS CAN CALL FOR A VOTE...
ALL IN FAVOR OF GREEN ARROW... OHHH!
LIKE CRAZY, MAN! SPEAKING OF ARROWS.. WHERE'D THAT COME FROM?
IT APPEARED OUT OF THIN AIR!
IMPULSIVELY BATMAN LEANS FORWARD AND GRASPS THE SLENDER METAL SHAFT, AND AS HE DOES SO IT STARTS TO VIBRATE SOUND WAVES...
GREETINGS, JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS! I HAVE NEWS FOR YOU! YOUR PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER--GREEN ARROW--IS MY PRISONER!
WHO IN THE WORLD--?
HOW DID HE LEARN ABOUT US AND OUR SECRET MEETING PLACE?
MY NAME IS CARTHAN! I COME FROM A PLANET MANY LIGHT YEARS FROM EARTH, TO ADD YOUR PLANET TO THE OTHERS I HAVE CONQUERED!
EVEN AS I TELEPATH MY THOUGHTS TO YOU THROUGH THE COMMUNICATOR-ARROW I FASHIONED--THREE ENGINES OF DOOM ARE GOING INTO OPERATION AT THREE DISTANTLY SEPARATED LOCALITIES ON EARTH! YOUR OBVIOUS ASSIGNMENT IS TO SMASH THEM--IF YOU CAN!


"EVEN AT THIS INSTANT, MY ULTRA—WEAPONS ARE REMOVING THE METALLIC COVERINGS WHICH WILL SET THE DESTRUCTIVE ENGINES IN OPERATION."
WHHIRRRRRRRRRR!


"AS THESE ENGINES BEGIN FUNCTIONING, THEIR ALPHA--OMICRON--AND XI RAYS WILL SEND A TRIO OF DISASTERS ACROSS THE EARTH! ONE MACHINE IS OUTSIDE KEYSTONE CITY--ANOTHER IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN, NORTHEAST OF AUSTRALIA--THE THIRD AND LAST NEAR ROME, ITALY!"


WHEN THE VIBRATORY VOICE FADES AWAY..
BATMAN, THE TWO OF US MUST FIND THIS SPACE-VISITOR CARTHAN--AND FREE GREEN ARROW!
RIGHT! J'ONN J'ONZZ--I HAVEN'T BEEN TEAMED WITH YOU SINCE WE BATTLED STARRO THE CONQUEROR! LET'S HEAD FOR KEYSTONE CITY!

WE'LL HANDLE THE AUSTRALIAN SECTOR, AQUAMAN!
OKAY, FLASH!
THAT LEAVES ME TO TAKE CARE OF THE "ROMAN—MENACE"!

THE MEETING ROOM IS EMPTY, SAVE FOR THE WORRIED SNAPPER CARR! AS TIME SPEEDS BY, THE HONORARY JLA MEMBER GROWS MORE AND MORE RESTLESS, UNTIL...
I'M BLASTING OFF! I'M COMING UNGLUED FROM SUSPENSE! MAYBE BEATING FEET WILL CALM ME DOWN!

DOOM OF THE STAR DIAMOND CHAPTER 2

AS THE AMAZON PRINCESS AND THE MARTIAN MAN-HUNTER HURTLE TOWARD THE FIRST OF THE THREE DEADLY INSTRUMENTS OF DESTRUCTION PLACED ON EARTH, THEY DISCOVER THEIR WAY TO KEYSTONE CITY BARRED BY MONSTROUS INSECTS..
HAS YOUR MARTIAN-VISION SPOTTED THE DOOM WEAPON CARTHAN SPOKE OF, JONN J'ONZZ?
YES, WONDER WOMAN! IT'S HIDDEN NOT FAR FROM HERE-- BUT TO REACH IT, WE HAVE TO FIGHT A PATH THROUGH THOSE GIANT INSECTS!
EVEN AS HE SPEAKS, THE MARTIAN SUPER-SLEUTH REELS UNDER THE SAVAGE ATTACK OF A TITANIC WASP AND A BUMBLE BEE..
THEIR TREMENDOUS STINGERS CANNOT PENETRATE MY MARTIAN SKIN-- BUT THE REPEATED BLOWS ARE DAZING ME!
FIGHTING FURIOUSLY, HE BARRELS HIS WAY THROUGH THE SWARMING INSECTS...
CARTHAN'S WEAPON MUST BE SOME SORT OF GROWTH-CAUSING MACHINE! THE NEARER WE COME TO IT, THE LARGER ARE THE INSECTS--AND ANIMALS--AROUND IT! EVIDENTLY HUMANS ARE NOT AFFECTED!

THEN, AS LEAP-HOPPERS SPRING FORWARD...
I COULD BREAK FREE IF ONLY THE GLUEY SAP THESE LEAFHOPPERS ARE EXUDING WEREN'T COVERING MY EYES--AND STICKING MY LEGS TOGETHER...
UNABLE TO USE HIS JET-FLYING POWER, THE JLA MEMBER CRASHES TO THE GROUND JUST AS A HUGE FIREFLY LANDS BESIDE HIM...
A FIREFLY GIVES OFF COLD LIGHT--BUT WHEN IT'S THIS SIZE THE USUALLY NEGLIGIBLE AMOUNT OF HEAT IS ENOUGH TO SET FIRE TO DRY LEAVES!
THE FLAMES ARE SPREADING--WEAKENING ME! IF THEY AREN'T STOPPED SOON, I'M DONE FOR!
FAR ABOVE THE HELPLESS MARTIAN, WONDER WOMAN FINDS THAT, SHE TOO, IS IN DIRE TROUBLE!
MERCIFUL MINERVA! THAT HUGE CAT THINKS MY ROBOT-PLANE IS A BIRD... AND IS TRYING TO CATCH IT!
NOW OTHER CATS ARE JOINING IT! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT--SEND MY ROBOT PLANE INTO THE SKY--OUT OF DANGER--AND CONTINUE WITHOUT IT!

THEN--AS THE AMAZING AMAZON RIDES THE WIND CURRENTS...
A COOPER'S HAWK--SWOOPING DOWN ON ME!
GRIPPED IN THE CRUEL PINCERS OF THE POWERFUL TALONS, WONDER WOMAN STRUGGLES TO FREE HERSELF FROM THE CRUSHING PRESSURE...
THIS BIRD IS A PREDATOR--PREYING ON OTHER LIVING THINGS! IT'S HOLDING ME TOO TIGHTLY FOR ME TO BREAK LOOSE!
THEN, AS THEY PASS OVER THE FALLEN MARTIAN MANHUNTER, THE AMAZON PRINCESS YANKS LOOSE HER MAGIC LASSO...
MINERVA GUIDE MY AIM! THERE'S JUST ONE CHANCE FOR J'ONN J'ONZZ AND MYSELF! I MUST MAKE A PERFECT TOSS!
STRAIGHT AND TRUE FLIES THE GOLDEN ROPE! IT COILS AROUND THE ALMOST UNCONSCIOUS J'ONN J'ONZZ AND LIFTS HIM UPWARD...
WONDER WOMAN SAVED ME! I'M GETTING MY SUPER-STRENGTH BACK! NOW IT'S MY TURN TO GIVE HER A HELPING HAND!
THE SUPER SLEUTH INHALES WITH ALL HIS MIGHT! IN THE TERRIFIC DOWNDRAFT THUS CREATED THE COOPER'S HAWK FLUTTERS WEAKLY...
I DIDN'T INHALE HARD ENOUGH! I'LL HAVE TO TRY AGAIN!
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ONCE AGAIN J'ONN J'ONZZ FILLS HIS LUNGS--THIS TIME THE HAWK IS CAUGHT BY THE TREMENDOUS SUCTION AND DRAWN SO CLOSE THAT...
POW!
THE BLOW MADE THE HAWK OPEN ITS TALONS--I'M FREE!
CARTHAN'S ENGINE IS HIDDEN IN THE DRY WELL JUST BELOW! START DOWN FOR IT, WONDER WOMAN!
AS THEY DIVE FOR THE WELL OPENING...
MORE INSECTS COMING AFTER US!
DIVE INTO THE WELL! I SEE A BIG BOULDER THAT WILL SEAL US SAFELY IN THE SHAFT!
AS WONDER WOMAN STUDIES THE STRANGE GROWTH MACHINE, J'ONN J'ONNZ SEALS THE ENTRANCE TO THE DRY WELL...
WHY, THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY WAY TO SHUT THIS THING OFF! NO BUTTON OR LEVER OF ANY KIND!
I CAN HEAR ITS FAINT HUMMING WITH MY MARTIAN SUPER-EARS!
ONLY ONE THING TO DO--SMASH IT WITH OUR HANDS!
TO THEIR UTTER AMAZEMENT, THE ALIEN ENGINE SEALS ITS TORN SIDES AND GAPING HOLES...
IT'S SOME QUEER KIND OF SELF-RESTORING METAL!
WHAT DO WE DO NOW? IF WE CAN'T SMASH IT--AND IF THERE ISN'T ANY GADGET TO TURN IT OFF--WE'RE BEATEN!
POP!
MEANWHILE, IN HIS INVISIBLE SPACESHIP, CARTHAN FOLLOWS THE ACTIVITIES OF THE JLA DUO ON HIS TELEVISION SCREEN...
THERE'S NO WAY FOR ME TO TURN OFF THE MACHINE--BUT THEY CAN DO IT, WITH THEIR SUPER-POWERS! IF ONLY THEY'D SEE THE CLUE IN THE WELL--TELLING THEM HOW TO GO ABOUT IT!

FRANTICALLY, WONDER WOMAN AND J'ONN J'ONZZ EXAMINE THE MYSTERY MACHINE UNTIL ...
J'ONN J'ONZZ--LOOK! THIS IS THE METALLIC CLOTH COVER CARTHAN SPOKE ABOUT REMOVING! MAYBE IF WE REPLACE IT ON THE ENGINE IT WILL HELP US SOMEHOW!
AS THE COVER IS REPLACED...
SEE HERE! THE TOP OF THE COVER INDICATES IT SHOULD FIT SOME PART OF THE MACHINE--A MISSING PART--! IT MUST BE THE OFF-ON HANDLE WE'RE HUNTING! WHEN THE COVER WAS REMOVED, IT MIGHT HAVE CAUSED THE HANDLE TO DISAPPEAR INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION!
SECONDS LATER THE MAGIC LASSO IS TWIRLING SO FAST THAT IT SLIPS THROUGH THE DIMENSIONAL BARRIERS AND IS GUIDED BY WONDER WOMAN'S THOUGHTS INTO THE FOURTH-DIMENSION...
GOOD GIRL! YOU'VE CAUGHT IT! NOW GIVE IT A TUG TO THE LEFT--
NOTHING'S HAPPENING! I'LL TRY IT TO THE RIGHT!
AGAIN AND AGAIN THE AMAZON YANKS AT THE INVISIBLE LEVER UNTIL ...
YOU DID IT! I CAN'T HEAR THE MACHINE HUMMING ANYMORE!
I PULLED THE HANDLE DOWN INTO THE MACHINE! THAT MUST HAVE TURNED IT OFF!
AND WHEN THE JLA DUO EMERGES FROM THE WELL...
IT WORKED ALL RIGHT! THE INSECTS ARE GROWING SMALLER AS THE EFFECTS WEAR OFF!
NOW THAT WE'VE DISPOSED OF THIS MENACE, LET'S START AFTER CARTHAN! I ONLY HOPE THE REST OF THE GROUP IS DOING AS WELL!

DOOM OF THE STAR DIAMOND CHAPTER 3
RACING SO SWIFTLY THAT HIS FEET DO NOT BREAK THE SURFACE TENSION OF THE WATER--THUS ENABLING HIM TO STAY ABOVE THE SURFACE IN THE SAME MANNER THAT A FLAT STONE SKIPS ACROSS THE WATER--FLASH HURTLES TOWARD THE "DOWN UNDER" CONTINENT, PUSHING AQUAMAN BEFORE HIM ...
IT WON'T BE LONG NOW, AQUAMAN! WE JUST WENT PAST THE SOLOMON ISLANDS! NOW WE'RE ENTERING THE CORAL SEA!
NEXT STOP--AUSTRALIA!
AS THEY NEAR AUSTRALIA...
THE LAND IS SINKING INTO THE SEA!
THE MACHINE CARTHAN TOLD US ABOUT MUST BE CAUSING IT! DIVE DEEP, AQUAMAN--SEE IF YOU CAN LOCATE THE MACHINE UNDER THE SURFACE!
THE ENTIRE CONTINENT WILL SOON BE UNDER THE SEA--UNLESS I CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!
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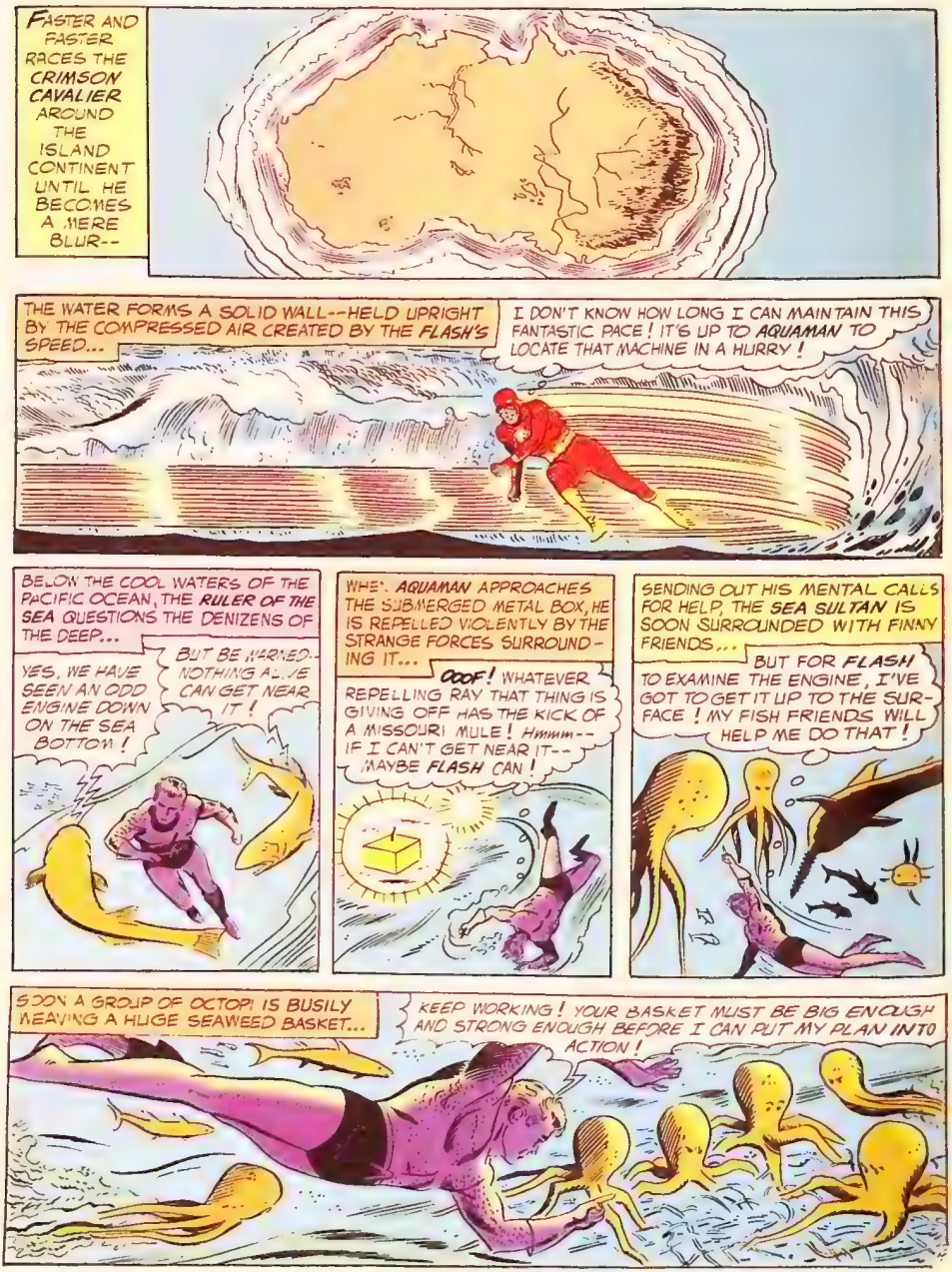
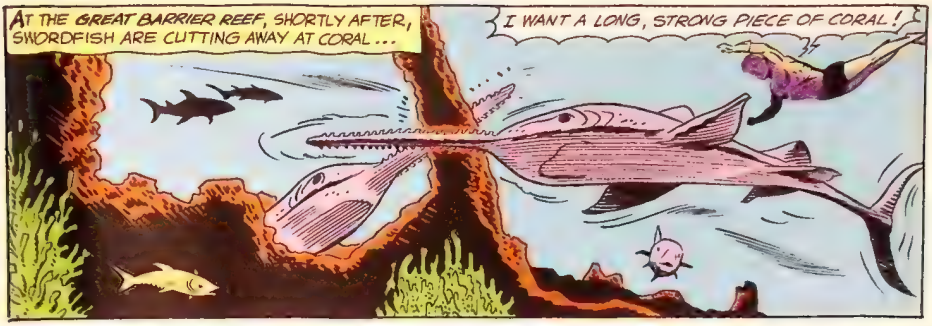
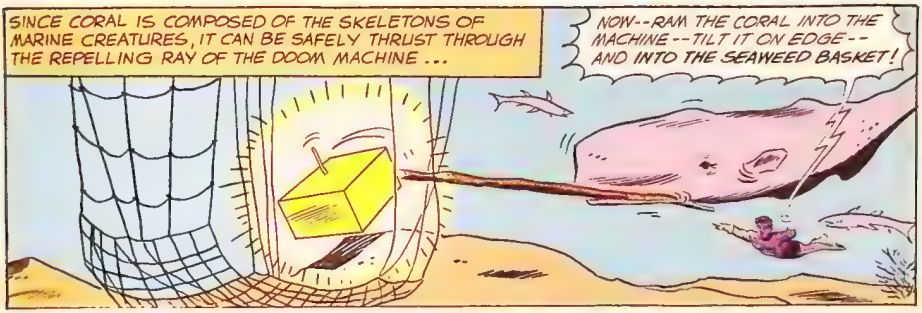
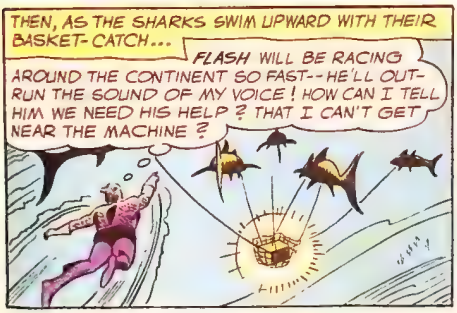
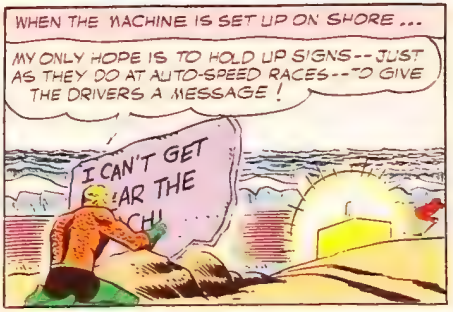
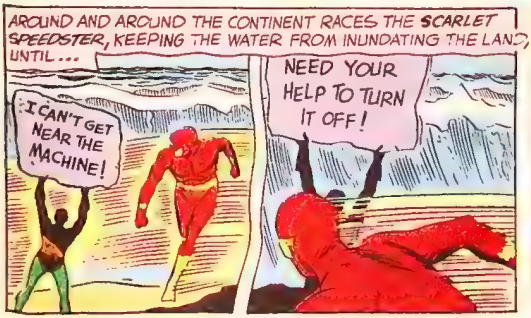

FASTER AND FASTER RACES THE CRIMSON CAVALIER AROUND THE ISLAND CONTINENT UNTIL HE BECOMES A MERE BLUR--
THE WATER FORMS A SOLID WALL--HELD UPRIGHT BY THE COMPRESSED AIR CREATED BY THE FLASH'S SPEED...
I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I CAN MAINTAIN THIS FANTASTIC PACE! IT'S UP TO AQUAMAN TO LOCATE THAT MACHINE IN A HURRY!
BELOW THE COOL WATERS OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN, THE RULER OF THE SEA QUESTIONS THE DENIZENS OF THE DEEP...
YES, WE HAVE SEEN AN ODD ENGINE DOWN ON THE SEA BOTTOM!
BUT BE WARNED-- NOTHING ALIVE CAN GET NEAR IT!
WHEN AQUAMAN APPROACHES THE SUBMERGED METAL BOX, HE IS REPELLED VIOLENTLY BY THE STRANGE FORCES SURROUNDING IT...
OOOF! WHATEVER REPELLING RAY THAT THING IS GIVING OFF HAS THE KICK OF A MISSOURI MULE! Hmmm-- IF I CAN'T GET NEAR IT-- MAYBE FLASH CAN!
SENDING OUT HIS MENTAL CALLS FOR HELP, THE SEA SULTAN IS SOON SURROUNDED WITH FINNY FRIENDS...
BUT FOR FLASH TO EXAMINE THE ENGINE, I'VE GOT TO GET IT UP TO THE SURFACE! MY FISH FRIENDS WILL HELP ME DO THAT!
SOON A GROUP OF OCTOPI IS BUSILY WEAVING A HUGE SEAWEED BASKET...
KEEP WORKING! YOUR BASKET MUST BE BIG ENOUGH AND STRONG ENOUGH BEFORE I CAN PUT MY PLAN INTO ACTION!

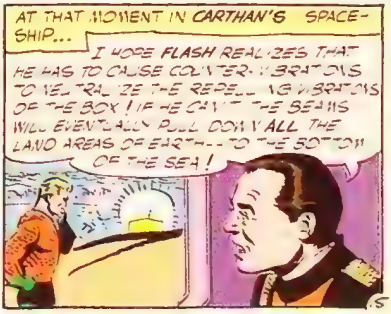

AT THE GREAT BARRIER REEF, SHORTLY AFTER, SWORDFISH ARE CUTTING AWAY AT CORAL...
I WANT A LONG, STRONG PIECE OF CORAL!


SINCE CORAL IS COMPOSED OF THE SKELETONS OF MARINE CREATURES, IT CAN BE SAFELY THRUST THROUGH THE REPELLING RAY OF THE DOOM MACHINE...
NOW--RAM THE CORAL INTO THE MACHINE--TILT IT ON EDGE--AND INTO THE SEAWEED BASKET!

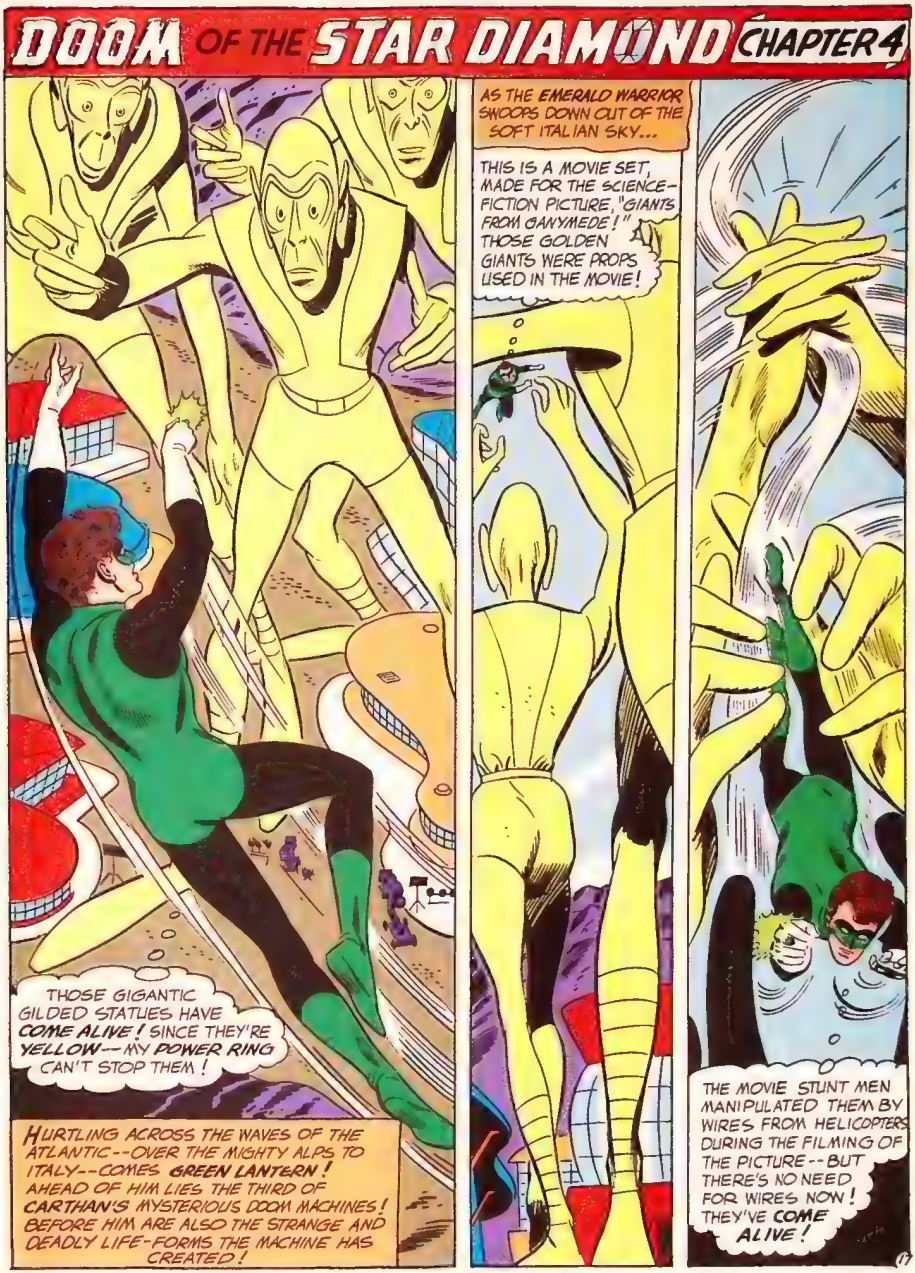

THEN, AS THE SHARKS SWIM UPWARD WITH THEIR BASKET-CATCH...
FLASH WILL BE RACING AROUND THE CONTINENT SO FAST--HE'LL OUTRUN THE SOUND OF MY VOICE! HOW CAN I TELL HIM WE NEED HIS HELP? THAT I CAN'T GET NEAR THE MACHINE?


WHEN THE MACHINE IS SET UP ON SHORE...
MY ONLY HOPE IS TO HOLD UP SIGNS--JUST AS THEY DO AT AUTO-SPEED RACES--TO GIVE THE DRIVERS A MESSAGE!
I CAN'T GET


AROUND AND AROUND THE CONTINENT RACES THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER, KEEPING THE WATER FROM INUNDATING THE LAND, UNTIL...
I CAN'T GET NEAR THE MACHINE!
NEED YOUR HELP TO TURN IT OFF!


AT THAT MOMENT IN CARTHAN'S SPACE-SHIP...
I HOPE FLASH REALIZES THAT HE HAS TO CAUSE COUNTER-VIBRATIONS TO NEUTRALIZE THE REPELLING VIBRATIONS OF THE BOX! IF HE CAN'T THE BEAMS WILL EVENTUALLY PULL DOWN ALL THE LAND AREAS OF EARTH--TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA!

AS HE HURTLES AROUND THE "DOWN UNDER" CONTINENT, THE FLASH'S THOUGHTS KEEP LIGHTNING SPEED WITH HIS FLYING FEET AND-- THEN--
I'LL TAKE OUT A SPLIT-SECOND FROM MY CONTINENTAL "RUNAROUND" TO WORK UP VIBRATIONS TO COUNTER THE REPELLING VIBRATIONS!
BACK HE SUPER-SPEEDS AROUND AUSTRALIA, HOLDING AT BAY THE TONS OF SEA WATER...
DIDN'T WORK THE FIRST TIME! ON THE NEXT CHANCE I'LL TRY WHIRLING MY ARMS!
EACH SUCCEEDING EFFORT BY THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER MEETS WITH FAILURE UNTIL...
YOU'VE HIT IT, FLASH! I CAN GET THROUGH! JUST KEEP ON SPINNING-- UNTIL I REACH THAT TURN-OFF HANDLE!
SECONDS LATER...
IT'S OFF!
GOOD! BUT UNTIL THE NORMAL BALANCE BETWEEN LAND AND SEA IS RESTORED-- I'D BETTER STAY ON THE JOB!
SHORTLY THEREAFTER...
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, FLASH! EVERYTHING HAS BEEN RESTORED TO NORMAL!
NOW WE CAN GET AFTER CARTHAN-- TRUSTING THAT THE OTHERS HAVE DONE AS WELL AND WILL MEET US THERE!


DOOM OF THE STAR DIAMOND CHAPTER 4
HURTLING ACROSS THE WAVES OF THE ATLANTIC--OVER THE MIGHTY ALPS TO ITALY--COMES GREEN LANTERN! AHEAD OF HIM LIES THE THIRD OF CARTHAN'S MYSTERIOUS DOOM MACHINES! BEFORE HIM ARE ALSO THE STRANGE AND DEADLY LIFE-FORMS THE MACHINE HAS CREATED!
THOSE GIGANTIC GILDED STATUES HAVE COME ALIVE! SINCE THEY'RE YELLOW--MY POWER RING CAN'T STOP THEM!
AS THE EMERALD WARRIOR SWOOPS DOWN OUT OF THE SOFT ITALIAN SKY...
THIS IS A MOVIE SET, MADE FOR THE SCIENCE-FICTION PICTURE, "GIANTS FROM GANYMEDE!" THOSE GOLDEN GIANTS WERE PROPS USED IN THE MOVIE!
THE MOVIE STUNT MEN MANIPULATED THEM BY WIRES FROM HELICOPTERS DURING THE FILMING OF THE PICTURE--BUT THERE'S NO NEED FOR WIRES NOW! THEY'VE COME ALIVE!
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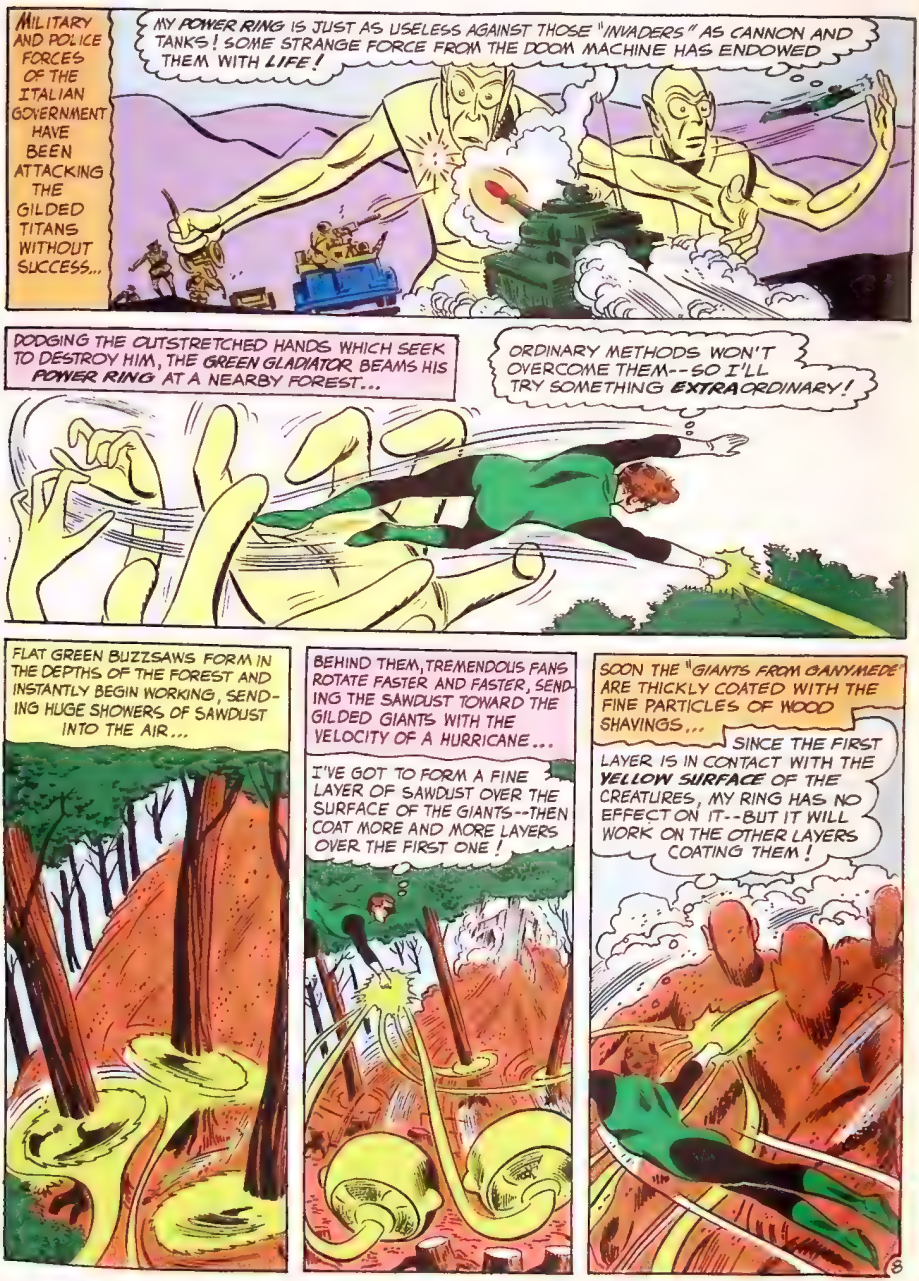
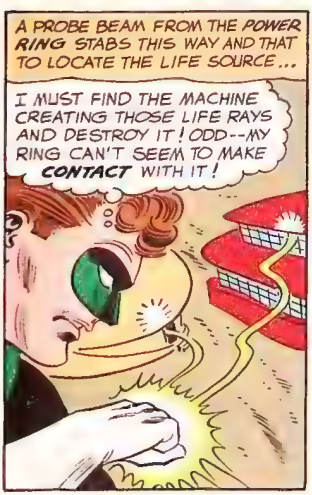
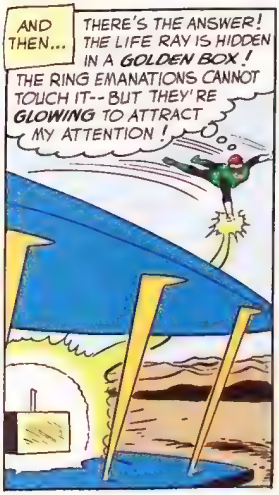
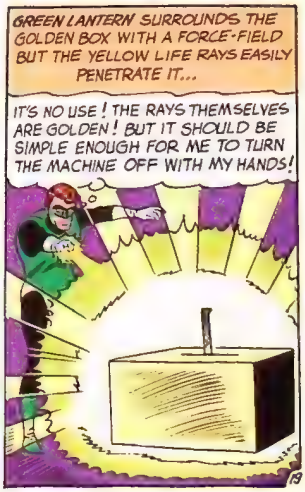

MILITARY AND POLICE FORCES OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN ATTACKING THE GILDED TITANS WITHOUT SUCCESS...
MY POWER RING IS JUST AS USELESS AGAINST THOSE "INVADERS" AS CANNON AND TANKS! SOME STRANGE FORCE FROM THE DOOM MACHINE HAS ENDOWED THEM WITH LIFE!
DODGING THE OUTSTRETCHED HANDS WHICH SEEK TO DESTROY HIM, THE GREEN GLADIATOR BEAMS HIS POWER RING AT A NEARBY FOREST...
ORDINARY METHODS WON'T OVERCOME THEM--SO I'LL TRY SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY!
FLAT GREEN BUZZSAWS FORM IN THE DEPTHS OF THE FOREST AND INSTANTLY BEGIN WORKING, SENDING HUGE SHOWERS OF SAWDUST INTO THE AIR...
BEHIND THEM, TREMENDOUS FANS ROTATE FASTER AND FASTER, SENDING THE SAWDUST TOWARD THE GILDED GIANTS WITH THE VELOCITY OF A HURRICANE...
I'VE GOT TO FORM A FINE LAYER OF SAWDUST OVER THE SURFACE OF THE GIANTS--THEN COAT MORE AND MORE LAYERS OVER THE FIRST ONE!
SOON THE "GIANTS FROM GANYMEDE" ARE THICKLY COATED WITH THE FINE PARTICLES OF WOOD SHAVINGS...
SINCE THE FIRST LAYER IS IN CONTACT WITH THE YELLOW SURFACE OF THE CREATURES, MY RING HAS NO EFFECT ON IT--BUT IT WILL WORK ON THE OTHER LAYERS COATING THEM!

UNDER THE RAYS OF THE POWER RING THE SAWDUST HARDENS INTO PETRIFIED WOOD!* ENCASED IN THICK SHELLS OF SOLID STONE, THE ALIEN TITANS CANNOT MOVE!
WELL, THAT TAKES CARE OF THAT TROUBLE!
*Editor's Note: PETRIFIED WOOD IS CAUSED BY MINERALS REPLACING THE WOODY STRUCTURE OF TREES OR SAWDUST WITH QUARTZ!

TO HIS CHAGRIN, GREEN LANTERN LEARNS HIS TROUBLES ARE ONLY BEGINNING...
THE LIFE-FORCE THAT ANIMATED THE GIANTS IS WORKING ON OTHER SUBSTANCES NOW! THOSE BUILDINGS--STARTING TO MOVE...


A PROBE BEAM FROM THE POWER RING STABS THIS WAY AND THAT TO LOCATE THE LIFE SOURCE...
I MUST FIND THE MACHINE CREATING THOSE LIFE RAYS AND DESTROY IT! ODD--MY RING CAN'T SEEM TO MAKE CONTACT WITH IT!


AND THEN...
THERE'S THE ANSWER! THE LIFE RAY IS HIDDEN IN A GOLDEN BOX!
THE RING EMANATIONS CANNOT TOUCH IT--BUT THEY'RE GLOWING TO ATTRACT MY ATTENTION!


GREEN LANTERN SURROUNDS THE GOLDEN BOX WITH A FORCE-FIELD BUT THE YELLOW LIFE RAYS EASILY PENETRATE IT...
IT'S NO USE! THE RAYS THEMSELVES ARE GOLDEN! BUT IT SHOULD BE SIMPLE ENOUGH FOR ME TO TURN THE MACHINE OFF WITH MY HANDS!

LUNGING FORWARD, HE REACHES FOR THE YELLOW HANDLE BUT AS HIS FINGERS WRAP AROUND IT...
OOOHH! THE LEVER IS ELECTRIFIED! I--I CAN'T MOVE!
FROM HIS POWER RING SHOOTS A GREEN BEAM...
MY FEET ARE GROUNDING ME! IF I COULD FREE THEM FROM CONTACT WITH THE EARTH, THE FLOW OF ELECTRICITY WON'T AFFECT ME TOO MUCH!
THE POWER RING SHOVEL DIGS AT THE GROUND UNDER GREEN LANTERN'S FEET UNTIL HE HANGS SUSPENDED IN THE AIR BESIDE THE BOX--
I'M FREE!...
WITH A WRENCH OF MIGHTY MUSCLES, HE YANKS DOWN ON THE LEVER...
I'VE SHUT IT OFF!
HIS MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, THE JLA MEMBER HEADS HOMEWARD...
I WONDER IF THE OTHERS MADE OUT AS WELL AS I DID? NO TIME TO FIND OUT, THOUGH! I'VE GOT TO LOCATE CARTHAN AND HIS SPACE-SHIP AND GIVE A HELPING HAND TO SUPERMAN AND BATMAN!

DOOM OF THE STAR DIAMOND CHAPTER 5
MY SUPER-VISION HAS FINALLY SPOTTED THE INVISIBLE SPACESHIP IN WHICH CARTHAN IS HOLDING GREEN ARROW PRISONER !
LEAD THE WAY, SUPERMAN!
WHILE THE OTHER JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA MEMBERS HAVE BEEN COMBATING THE EVIL EFFECTS OF THE THREE DEADLY MACHINES--SUPERMAN AND BATMAN HAVE BEEN SCOURING THE SKIES FOR CARTHAN HIMSELF!
THE MAN OF STEEL TURNS HIMSELF INTO A LIVING DRILL AS...
I CAN'T SEE THE SPACESHIP! ALL I'VE GOT TO AIM FOR IS THE HOLE SUPERMAN IS DRILLING IN ITS SIDE!
SECONDS LATER THE JUSTICE LEAGUE TEAM RACES INTO THE SPACESHIP INTERIOR ...
SUPERMAN--LOOK! THOSE STRANGE BEAMS OF LIGHT SURROUNDING SOMEONE INSIDE THEM!
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WHY--IT'S GREEN ARROW! I'LL HAVE YOU OUT OF THERE IN A JIFFY!
NO, BATMAN--WAIT! DON'T TOUCH THOSE LIGHTS!
THOSE LIGHT BEAMS ARE ACTUALLY DEADLY RAYS! IF ONE OF THEM WERE TO TOUCH YOU, YOU WOULD DIE!
THESE RAYS WON'T BOTHER ME, GREEN ARROW! I'LL GET YOU OUT!
AS THE MAN OF STEEL EASILY PASSES THROUGH THE DEATH RAYS...
GOOD ENOUGH, SUPERMAN--BUT THAT DOESN'T SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF GETTING ME OUT!
I'VE ALREADY THOUGHT OF THAT! WATCH!
THE MIGHTY HANDS OF SUPERMAN RUN THROUGH THE SOLID LEAD FLOOR AS IF IT WERE MADE OF MELTING BUTTER...
THIS FLOOR IS OF SOLID LEAD TO PROTECT YOU FROM THE RAYS WHILE YOU'RE IN THE PRISON! HOWEVER, I CAN USE THAT SAME LEAD TO PROTECT YOU ANOTHER WAY!
SINCE THE RAYS CAN'T GET THROUGH LEAD I'LL MAKE A HUGE EGG IN WHICH TO CARRY YOU! THE RAYS WON'T TOUCH YOU AS I BRING YOU OUT!
MOMENTS LATER...
GREAT WORK, SUPERMAN! I'VE BEEN MIGHTY CURIOUS AS TO HOW CARTHAN CAPTURED GREEN ARROW!
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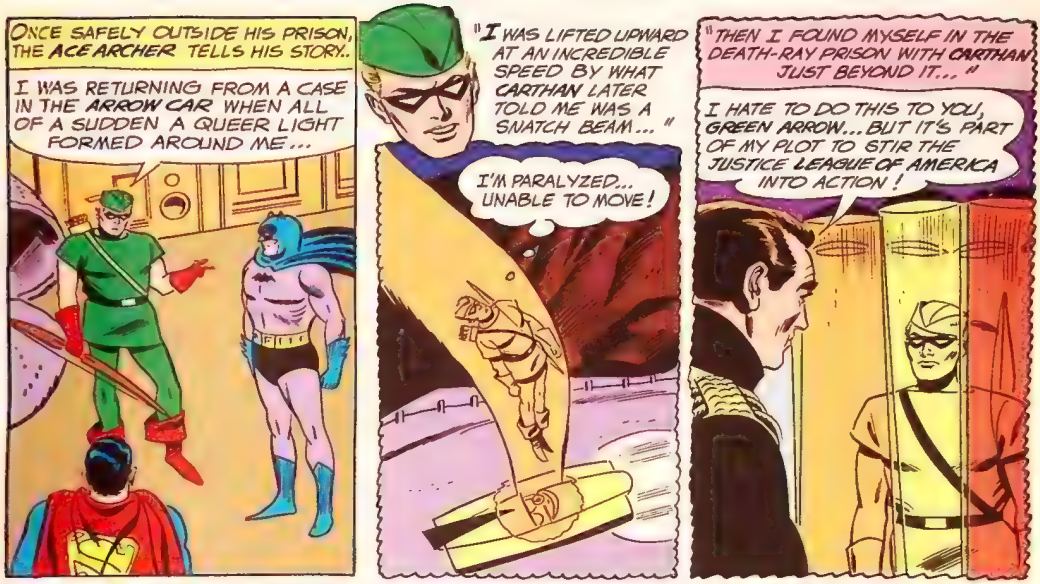
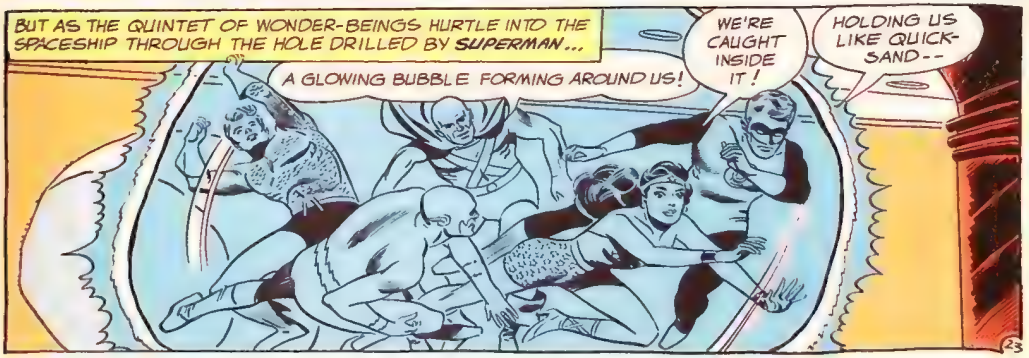

ONCE SAFELY OUTSIDE HIS PRISON, THE ACE ARCHER TELLS HIS STORY..
I WAS RETURNING FROM A CASE IN THE ARROW CAR WHEN ALL OF A SUDDEN A QUEER LIGHT FORMED AROUND ME...
"I WAS LIFTED UPWARD AT AN INCREDIBLE SPEED BY WHAT CARTHAN LATER TOLD ME WAS A SNATCH BEAM..."
I'M PARALYZED... UNABLE TO MOVE!
"THEN I FOUND MYSELF IN THE DEATH-RAY PRISON WITH CARTHAN JUST BEYOND IT..."
I HATE TO DO THIS TO YOU, GREEN ARROW... BUT IT'S PART OF MY PLOT TO STIR THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA INTO ACTION!

WHILE GREEN ARROW IS CONCLUDING HIS STORY, THE OTHER JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS ARE RETURNING FROM KEYSTONE CITY, AUSTRALIA, AND ITALY...
MY MARTIAN X-RAY VISION HAS SPOTTED CARTHAN'S SPACESHIP! I'LL LEAD THE WAY!


BUT AS THE QUINTET OF WONDER-BEINGS HURTLE INTO THE SPACESHIP THROUGH THE HOLE DRILLED BY SUPERMAN...
A GLOWING BUBBLE FORMING AROUND US!
WE'RE CAUGHT INSIDE IT!
HOLDING US LIKE QUICK-SAND--
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AS THE BUBBLE COALESCES, HARDENS--THE FIVE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS FIND THEMSELVES IMPRISONED INSIDE A GIGANTIC HOLLOW DIAMOND...!
THE JUSTICE LEAGUE CONSIDERS ME THEIR ENEMY! FOR MY OWN SAFETY I HAD TO IMPRISON THEM--UNTIL I CAN EXPLAIN!
THERE ARE TINY FLAMES ENCASED IN THE DIAMOND--WEAKENING ME!
AND GOLDEN FLAKES--WHICH MAKE MY POWER RING USELESS!
IF ONLY I KNEW WHERE TO STRIKE THE JEWEL AND SPLIT IT IN TWO--
THE STRESS POINT CAN ONLY BE DETERMINED FROM OUTSIDE THE GEM!
AT THIS MOMENT, SUPERMAN, BATMAN, AND GREEN ARROW DASH INTO THE ROOM...
OHH! THERE'S KRYPTONITE IN THAT DIAMOND--IT'S SAPPING ALL MY STRENGTH!
THERE'S THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR IT ALL--CARTHAN! I'LL HANDLE HIM!
SWIFTER EVEN THAN THE LUNGING BATMAN IS THE FLIGHT OF GREEN ARROW'S SLENDER SHAFT--WHICH BOUNCES HARMLESSLY OFF CARTHAN'S PROTECTIVE AURA AS..
NOTHING CAN HARM ME--CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND?
I'VE GOT TO CONVINCE MYSELF!
KNOCKED OFF HIS FEET, CARTHAN FALLS BACKWARD AGAINST THE SPACESHIP MACHINERY...
WHY DIDN'T MY AURA PROTECT ME?
ZZZZT!
AS HE COLLAPSES TO THE FLOOR, THE SPACEMAN TOUCHES HIS HEAD...
OWW! MY HEAD--IT HURTS! THEN--THAT MEANS MY PROTECTIVE AURA HAS SUDDENLY FADED AWAY!

SOON CARTHAN IS POURING OUT HIS STORY TO AN ASTOUNDED BATMAN AND GREEN ARROW...
NOW AT LAST I CAN GO BACK TO MY OWN WORLD--BUT FIRST I HAVE TO RELEASE YOUR FRIENDS FROM THE DIAMOND! OH, NO! WHEN YOU THREW ME INTO THE MACHINERY, BATMAN--I WRECKED IT! I CAN'T RELEASE THEM!
WAIT! THERE'S A SLIM CHANCE! EVERY DIAMOND HAS A STRESS POINT... IF I KNEW WHERE THIS ONE IS, I COULD SPLIT THE DIAMOND WITH ONE OF MY DIAMOND-TIP ARROWS!
BEFORE CLEAVING A DIAMOND, DIAMOND-CUTTERS SOMETIMES SPEND MONTHS STUDYING IT TO DISCOVER THE STRESS POINT! WE DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH TIME! LUCKILY, I'VE MADE SUCH A STUDY ON MY HOME PLANET! AIM HERE, GREEN ARROW!
WITH SWEAT BEADING HIS FOREHEAD, THE AMAZING ARCHER DRAWS FAR BACK ON HIS GREAT BOW...
I MUST HIT THE DIAMOND EXACTLY AT THE POINT INDICATED--WITH EXACTLY THE RIGHT FORCE--OR I'LL DOOM THE JUSTICE LEAGUE TO A TERRIBLE FATE!
IN THE NEXT INSTANT THE BOWSTRING TWANGS AND...
GREAT SHOT, GREEN ARROW! YOU SAVED THEM!
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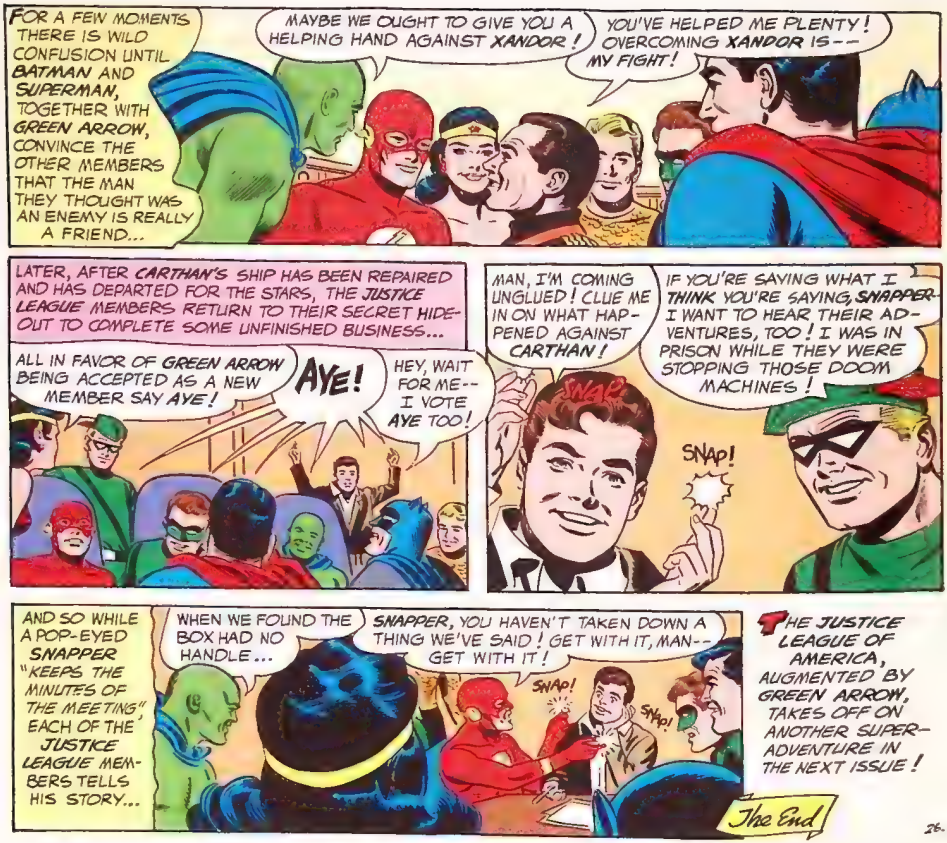
FOR A FEW MOMENTS THERE IS WILD CONFUSION UNTIL BATMAN AND SUPERMAN, TOGETHER WITH GREEN ARROW, CONVINCE THE OTHER MEMBERS THAT THE MAN THEY THOUGHT WAS AN ENEMY IS REALLY A FRIEND...
MAYBE WE OUGHT TO GIVE YOU A HELPING HAND AGAINST XANDOR!
YOU'VE HELPED ME PLENTY! OVERCOMING XANDOR IS-- MY FIGHT!
LATER, AFTER CARTHAN'S SHIP HAS BEEN REPAIRED AND HAS DEPARTED FOR THE STARS, THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS RETURN TO THEIR SECRET HIDE-OUT TO COMPLETE SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS...
ALL IN FAVOR OF GREEN ARROW BEING ACCEPTED AS A NEW MEMBER SAY AYE!
AYE!
HEY, WAIT FOR ME-- I VOTE AYE TOO!
MAN, I'M COMING UNGLUED! CLUE ME IN ON WHAT HAP-PENED AGAINST CARTHAN!
IF YOU'RE SAYING WHAT I THINK YOU'RE SAYING, SNAPPER-- I WANT TO HEAR THEIR AD-VENTURES, TOO! I WAS IN PRISON WHILE THEY WERE STOPPING THOSE DOOM MACHINES!
SNAP!
SNAP!
AND SO WHILE A POP-EYED SNAPPER "KEEPS THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING", EACH OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEM-BERS TELLS HIS STORY...
WHEN WE FOUND THE BOX HAD NO HANDLE...
SNAPPER, YOU HAVEN'T TAKEN DOWN A THING WE'VE SAID! GET WITH IT, MAN-- GET WITH IT!
SNAP!
SNAP!
THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, AUGMENTED BY GREEN ARROW, TAKES OFF ON ANOTHER SUPER-ADVENTURE IN THE NEXT ISSUE!
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GREAT HERA! AN UNKNOWN FORCE IS PULLING US INTO SPACE--LIKE HUMAN ROCKETS!
A STAR-STUDDED SPECTACULAR WITH THE WORLD'S GREATEST SUPER-HEROES...
"WHEN GRAVITY WENT WILD!"

JUSTICE LEAGUE of AMERICA

ONE FOR ALL AND ALL FOR ONE--THIS WELL MIGHT BE THE MOTTO OF THE WORLD-RENOWNED HEROES OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA! BUT WHEN ONE OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS BETRAYS THE OTHERS--THEN THESE CHAMPIONS OF LAW AND UPHOLDERS OF THE RIGHT--THESE TERRORS OF EVIL-DOERS AND ENEMIES OF CRIME--FIND THEMSELVES CONFRONTED BY THE GRAVEST CHALLENGE WHICH THEY HAVE YET FACED!

WHEN GRAVITY WENT WILD!

ROLL CALL — FLASH · GREEN LANTERN · AQUAMAN · SUPERMAN · GREEN J'ONN J'ONZZ · WONDER WOMAN · BATMAN · SNAPPER CARR · ARROW

SEVEN MIGHTY FIGURES SIT SLUMPED IN STUNNED DESPAIR IN THE SECRET SANCTUARY OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA...
IT'S ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE! NO ONE'S EVER BETRAYED US BEFORE!
I WONDER WHAT VILLAINY HE'S DREAMING UP RIGHT NOW?
OFF TO ONE SIDE, ANOTHER FIGURE SITS, EYES BLANK AND STARING...
I'M ALL SHOOK UP! TO THINK ONE OF MY IDOLS WOULD BE A TRAITOR TO THE JUSTICE LEAGUE--IN HIS VERY FIRST CASE! Groan:
IN BROKEN TONES, WONDER WOMAN VOICES THE THOUGHTS OF ALL...
MUCH AS WE HATE TO ADMIT IT--ONE OF OUR MEMBERS HAS DELIBERATELY TURNED AGAINST US!
THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT OF HIS GUILT!
HIS EMPTY CHAIR IS PROOF OF HIS TREACHERY!
YOU'RE RIGHT, FLASH! HE DOESN'T HAVE THE NERVE TO SHOW UP!
AND THEN-- SUDDENLY--RUSHING INTO THE JLA HEADQUARTERS...
WHY THERE HE IS-- THE ARCH-TRAITOR-- GREEN ARROW!
HAVE YOU COME TO FLAUNT YOUR TREACHERY IN OUR FACES?
I WAS DELAYED IN COMING HERE--BY SOMETHING OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE!
SILENT AND TIGHT-LIPPED, THE AMAZING ARCHER FACES HIS ACCUSERS...
DARE YOU DENY YOU SIDED WITH MY OLD ENEMY-- THE GETAWAY MASTER-MIND--AGAINST ME?
OR THAT YOU DELIBERATELY HELPED PROFESSOR MENACE ESCAPE FROM ME-- JUST AS I WAS ABOUT TO TAKE HIM PRISONER?
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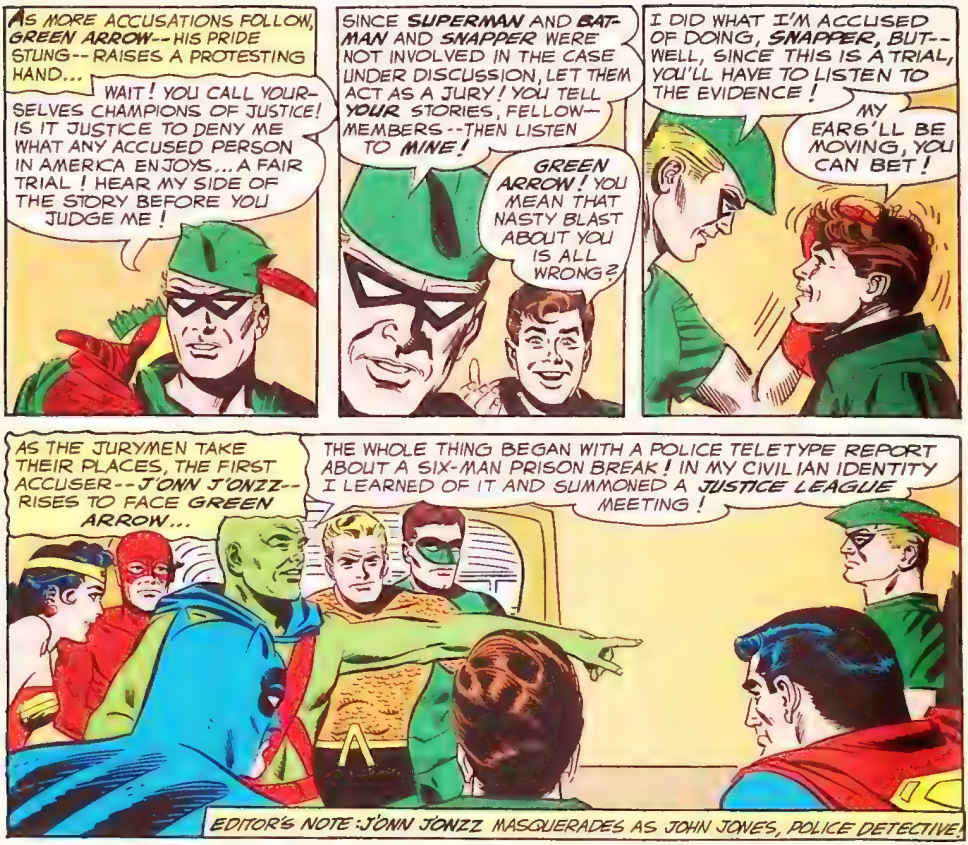
AS MORE ACCUSATIONS FOLLOW, GREEN ARROW--HIS PRIDE STUNG--RAISES A PROTESTING HAND...
WAIT! YOU CALL YOURSELVES CHAMPIONS OF JUSTICE! IS IT JUSTICE TO DENY ME WHAT ANY ACCUSED PERSON IN AMERICA ENJOYS...A FAIR TRIAL! HEAR MY SIDE OF THE STORY BEFORE YOU JUDGE ME!
SINCE SUPERMAN AND BATMAN AND SNAPPER WERE NOT INVOLVED IN THE CASE UNDER DISCUSSION, LET THEM ACT AS A JURY! YOU TELL YOUR STORIES, FELLOW-MEMBERS--THEN LISTEN TO MINE!
GREEN ARROW! YOU MEAN THAT NASTY BLAST ABOUT YOU IS ALL WRONG?
I DID WHAT I'M ACCUSED OF DOING, SNAPPER, BUT--WELL, SINCE THIS IS A TRIAL, YOU'LL HAVE TO LISTEN TO THE EVIDENCE!
MY EARS'LL BE MOVING, YOU CAN BET!

AS THE JURYMEN TAKE THEIR PLACES, THE FIRST ACCUSER--J'ONN J'ONZZ--RISES TO FACE GREEN ARROW...
THE WHOLE THING BEGAN WITH A POLICE TELETYPE REPORT ABOUT A SIX-MAN PRISON BREAK! IN MY CIVILIAN IDENTITY I LEARNED OF IT AND SUMMONED A JUSTICE LEAGUE MEETING!
EDITOR'S NOTE: J'ONN J'ONZZ MASQUERADES AS JOHN JONES, POLICE DETECTIVE!

"LATER WE LEARNED THAT MONTY MORAN, THE GETAWAY MASTERMIND, HAD ARRANGED THE ESCAPE..."

"AS A PRISON TRUSTY, MONTY MORAN HAD ACCESS TO THE LABORATORY WHERE HE HAD FILLED A BALLOON WITH HELIUM GAS..."
WITH NYLON THREADS I MAKE THIS MATCHBOX HANG BELOW THE INFLATED BALLOON, THUS CREATING OUR GET-AWAY VEHICLE!
BUT HOW CAN THAT GET US OUT OF HERE?
"IN THE SAME LABORATORY, FROM ODDS AND ENDS, MORAN HAD INVENTED A SHRINK-RAY WHICH HE SECRETLY PROCEEDED TO PLAY ON HIS FELLOW CRIMINALS..."
BECAUSE WITH THIS SHRINK-RAY, THE BALLOON WILL NO LONGER BE A TOY TO YOU!
WE'RE GETTING SMALLER!
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WE COULD CONCEIVABLY ESCAPE IN OUR FINAL SIZE OF ½ INCH IN HEIGHT, BUT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO CLIMB THE PRISON WALL! BESIDES, WE WANT AN UNUSUAL TYPE ESCAPE... TO ALERT THE JUSTICE LEAGUE THEY'RE UP AGAINST A TOUGH AND CLEVER ORGANIZATION!
MATCHES
"WHEN THEY WERE ONLY ½ INCH TALL, THE SIX PRISONERS ENTERED THE MATCHBOX GONDOLA AND WERE BORNE ALOFT ABOVE THE PRISON WALLS TO FREEDOM..."
RIGHT YOU ARE, MORAN! NOW THAT WE ARE FREE WE MUST DESTROY THE MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE--TO MAKE SURE THEY NEVER CAPTURE US AGAIN!
"THE GUARDS NEVER SUSPECTED A THING! THEY SAW THE BALLOON BUT MISSED SEEING THE TINY GONDOLA..."
SOME KID MUST'VE LOST HIS TOY BALLOON!
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"HIGH ABOVE THE EARTH, THESE ARCH-CRIMINALS PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO A PROGRAM OF--DOOM TO THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!"
WE'LL TEAM UP TO ROB--AND SO LURE THE JUSTICE LEAGUE TO COME AFTER US!
AND WHEN THEY FIND US--THEY'LL FIND THEMSELVES IN SIX DEADLY TRAPS!
HES MATCHES
"THE VILLAINOUS SEXTET SEALED ITS PLEDGE BY JOINING HANDS, UNITING THE FORCES OF EVIL AGAINST THOSE OF JUSTICE..."
DOOM TO THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!
SO VOW WE ALL!
"AS I MENTIONED, I SUMMONED THE JUSTICE LEAGUE TO MEET THIS EMERGENCY! SUPERMAN AND BATMAN WERE MISSING, BEING OTHERWISE ENGAGED..."
IN VIEW OF WHAT YOU TOLD US, J'ONN J'ONZZ, WE MUST FORM TEAMS AND RE-ENGAGE THESE EVIL-DOERS! WHERE ARE WE TO FIND THEM, THOUGH--
LISTEN!
BZZZZZZZ!
"OUR ELECTRONIC RECEPTOR PICKED UP THE VITAL INFORMATION AT THE MOMENT WE NEEDED IT MOST..."
ATTENTION! CAPTAIN COLD, PROFESSOR MENACE AND KING CLOCK HAVE BEEN ROBBING SOME MILES NORTH OF CHICAGO! ELECTRIC MAN, MONTY MORAN AND THE PUPPET MASTER HAVE BEEN SIGHTED OFF THE FLORIDA COAST!
THAT ANSWERS OUR PROBLEM, WONDER WOMAN! WE KNOW WHERE TO FIND THOSE CRIMINALS!
AQUAMAN, SUPPOSE YOU TEAM UP WITH GREEN LANTERN AND J'ONN J'ONZZ AND TACKLE YOUR OLD ENEMIES WHO HAVE JOINED TOGETHER--ELECTRIC MAN, PUPPET MASTER AND MONTY MORAN, THE GETAWAY MASTERMIND!
"SO IT WAS ARRANGED! FLASH, WONDER WOMAN AND YOU, GREEN ARROW, COMBINED TO GO AGAINST CAPTAIN COLD, PROFESSOR MENACE AND KING CLOCK!"
GOOD LUCK ON YOUR FIRST CASE, GREEN ARROW!

WHEN GRAVITY WENT WILD! CHAPTER 2
YOU TAKE OVER NOW, FLASH-- AND GIVE YOUR VERSION OF WHAT HAPPENED NEXT!
AS WE RACED FROM THE JUSTICE LEAGUE SECRET SANCTUARY, WE KNEW WE WERE IN FOR TROUBLE-- FROM CAPTAIN COLD, PROFESSOR MENACE AND KING CLOCK...
I REMEMBERED THE TROUBLE I'D HAD IN THE PAST WITH CAPTAIN COLD, AS I'M SURE WONDER WOMAN WAS RE-COLLECTING HER FIGHTS WITH PROFESSOR MENACE! AS FOR GREEN ARROW, WHO KNOWS WHAT HE WAS THINKING!
"AS WE TRAVELED-- I ON FOOT, WONDER WOMAN IN HER ROBOT PLANE AND GREEN ARROW IN HIS ARROW PLANE--WE SAW EVIDENCE THAT OUR ENEMIES EXPECTED US!"
A HUGE ICE-ARROW--SHOWING US THE WAY! THAT WOULD BE CAPTAIN COLD'S HANDIWORK!
"A LITTLE FURTHER ON..."
THE CLOCK-HANDS INDICATE QUARTER AFTER THREE--THE WRONG TIME-- BUT THE RIGHT DIRECTION! THAT'S KING CLOCK'S DOING!
"WE SUSPECTED A TRAP OF SOME SORT HAD BEEN PREPARED FOR US BUT..."
OUR FIRST CONSIDERATION IS NOT OUR OWN SAFETY BUT THE RECAPTURE OF THOSE CRIMINALS!
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"THEN, AHEAD OF US, WE SAW A MIGHTY PALACE OF ICE..."
THERE'S THE "TRAP" NOW--IN THAT GREAT ICE PALACE CAPTAIN COLD MADE! CAREFUL, FELLOW-MEMBERS!
"SIDE BY SIDE WE ROCKETED THROUGH THE DOORWAY! BEFORE US, FILLING THE GREAT CHAMBER, WAS A WALL-TO-WALL SUNDIAL!"
THERE THEY ARE! CAPTAIN COLD--
PROFESSOR MENACE--
--AND KING CLOCK!
"HALFWAY ACROSS THE HUGE TIMEPIECE, THE THIN CRUST OF THE SUNDIAL GAVE WAY UNDER US! WE PLUMMETED DOWN INTO A QUIVERY MASS OF QUICKSAND!"
THE TOP OF THE DIAL WAS MADE OF EASILY BREAKABLE ICE! WE'RE TRAPPED!
HA! HA! HA! GREAT WORK, KING CLOCK! WE'VE CAUGHT THEM ALL!
"I STRUGGLED FIERCELY, BUT ONLY SUCCEEDED IN ANCHORING MYSELF DEEPER IN THAT TERRIBLE QUAGMIRE ..."
I CAN'T REACH MY ARROWS!
THE FASTER I MOVE, THE DEEPER I PUSH MYSELF! MY SPEED IS ONLY A DANGER TO ME IN THIS QUICKSAND!
PERMIT ME TO CONTINUE THIS EPISODE, FLASH!
"KNOWING MY COMPANIONS WERE HELPLESS, I EXERTED ALL MY AMAZON STRENGTH--FREEING MY ARM AND MAGIC LASSO..."
THANK HERA, I'VE DONE IT!

"TWIRLING THE GOLDEN ROPE AROUND AND AROUND I CAST IT HIGH, TOWARD THE FROZEN CEILING OF THE ICE PALACE..."
MINERVA GUIDE MY HAND!
"SO POWERFULLY HAD I THROWN IT, THE MAGIC LASSO BY SHEER FRICTION FORCED ITSELF DEEP INTO THE ICY CEILING!"
SSSSSSSSSSSSSS!
"I WAITED A FEW SECONDS FOR THE ICE TO FREEZE AND HOLD THE ROPE TAUT! THEN I CLAMBERED UPWARD AND GRASPING GREEN ARROW, YANKED HIM FREE..."
HANG ON, GREEN ARROW! THEN CLASP HOLD OF THE LASSO!
"A MOMENT LATER, THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER JOINED US!"
MY TRAP FAILED! IT'S YOUR TURN, CAPTAIN COLD!
GET BEHIND ME, KING CLOCK! BE READY TO RUN WITH PROFESSOR MENACE!
"THE COLDEST MAN ON EARTH LIFTED HIS UNIQUE GUN AND BEAMED IT STRAIGHT AT US..."
FOOLS! DO THEY REALLY THINK THEY CAN ESCAPE? MY COLD GUN WILL ENCASE THEM IN SOLID ICE WITHIN MOMENTS!
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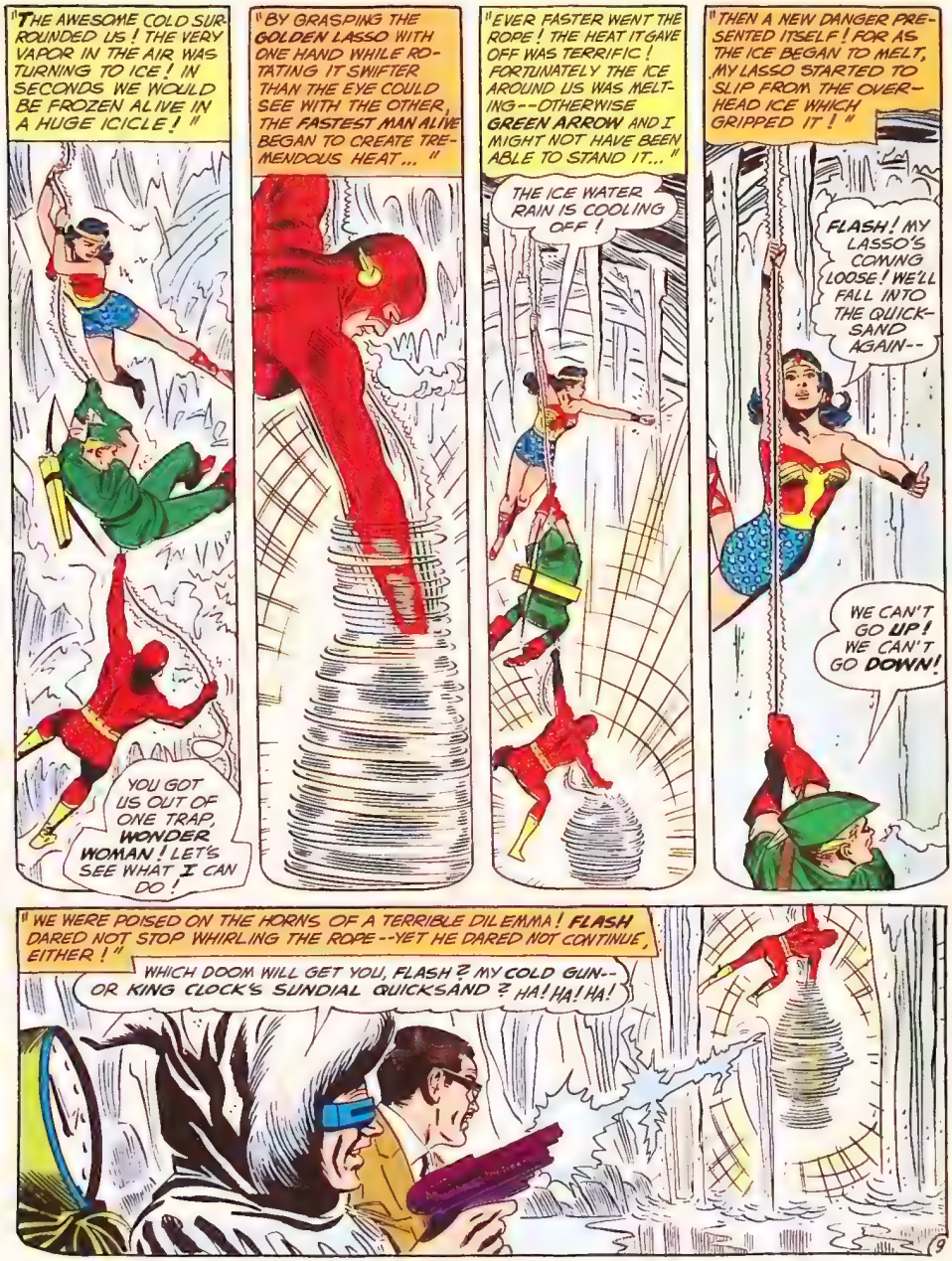
"THE AWESOME COLD SURROUNDED US! THE VERY VAPOR IN THE AIR WAS TURNING TO ICE! IN SECONDS WE WOULD BE FROZEN ALIVE IN A HUGE ICICLE!"
YOU GOT US OUT OF ONE TRAP, WONDER WOMAN! LET'S SEE WHAT I CAN DO!
"BY GRASPING THE GOLDEN LASSO WITH ONE HAND WHILE ROTATING IT SWIFTER THAN THE EYE COULD SEE WITH THE OTHER, THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE BEGAN TO CREATE TREMENDOUS HEAT..."
"EVER FASTER WENT THE ROPE! THE HEAT IT GAVE OFF WAS TERRIFIC! FORTUNATELY THE ICE AROUND US WAS MELTING--OTHERWISE GREEN ARROW AND I MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO STAND IT..."
THE ICE WATER RAIN IS COOLING OFF!
"THEN A NEW DANGER PRESENTED ITSELF! FOR AS THE ICE BEGAN TO MELT, MY LASSO STARTED TO SLIP FROM THE OVERHEAD ICE WHICH GRIPPED IT!"
FLASH! MY LASSO'S COMING LOOSE! WE'LL FALL INTO THE QUICKSAND AGAIN--
WE CAN'T GO UP! WE CAN'T GO DOWN!
"WE WERE POISED ON THE HORNS OF A TERRIBLE DILEMMA! FLASH DARED NOT STOP WHIRLING THE ROPE--YET HE DARED NOT CONTINUE, EITHER!"
WHICH DOOM WILL GET YOU, FLASH? MY COLD GUN--OR KING CLOCK'S SUNDIAL QUICKSAND? HA! HA! HA!
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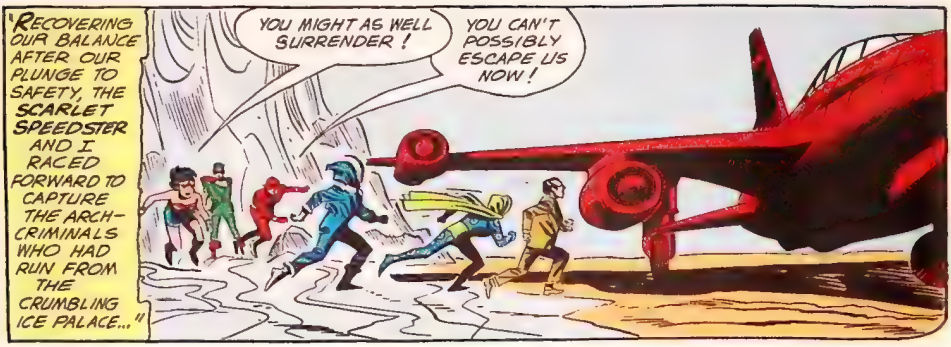
"IN A MOMENT, THE ROPE CAME FREE..."
OHHH!
HERE WE GO!
"FORTUNATELY THE QUICK-THINKING FLASH HAD BEEN SWINGING THE LASSO BACK AND FORTH AS HE TWIRLED IT, SO THAT WE HAD BEGUN A PENDULUM-LIKE MOTION..."
DID I SWING THE ROPE FAR ENOUGH?
"FOR ONE AWFUL INSTANT WE PLUMMETED DOWNWARD! WOULD WE HIT THE SUNDIAL AND SINK INTO THE QUICK-SAND? OR ... "
"BUT NO! FLASH HAD MANEUVERED THE ANGLE OF OUR FALL PERFECTLY! WE MISSED THE SUN-DIAL--AND CATAPULTED THROUGH THE MUSHY WALLS OF THE MELTING ICE PALACE INSTEAD!"


"RECOVERING OUR BALANCE AFTER OUR PLUNGE TO SAFETY, THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER AND I RACED FORWARD TO CAPTURE THE ARCH-CRIMINALS WHO HAD RUN FROM THE CRUMBLING ICE PALACE..."
YOU MIGHT AS WELL SURRENDER!
YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY ESCAPE US NOW!

"SUDDENLY, THREE ARROWS WENT WHIZZING PAST US..."
GREEN ARROW'S SHOT SOME OF HIS "CAPTURE-ARROWS" AFTER THEM!
I GUESS HE WANTS TO HELP OUT--

"AS THOSE SHAFTS STRUCK THE TRIO, THERE WAS A BLINDING GLARE-- AN EXPLOSION OF SHEER LIGHT-- MOMENTARILY DAZING FLASH AND MYSELF!"

"WHEN WE RECOVERED OUR SENSES..."
THEY'RE GONE, ALL OF THEM!
SO IS GREEN ARROW! HE HELPED THOSE VILLAINS ESCAPE! BUT WHY? WHY?

"WITH NO TRACE OF WHERE THEY HAD DISAPPEARED, THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING LEFT FOR US TO DO-- RETURN TO THE JUSTICE LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS AND REPORT THE TERRIBLE TREACHERY OF GREEN ARROW..."
THAT CONCLUDES OUR TESTIMONY AGAINST GREEN ARROW!
IT'LL BE INTERESTING TO HEAR HOW HE TRIES TO SQUIRM OUT OF THIS CHARGE!

WHEN GRAVITY WENT WILD! CHAPTER 3
AS THE LAST SPEAKER, WONDER WOMAN, TAKES HER SEAT, AQUAMAN BEGINS HIS TESTIMONY AGAINST GREEN ARROW...
NOW LISTEN TO MY STORY, JURY MEMBERS! AS YOU KNOW, I TEAMED WITH JONN J'ONZZ AND GREEN LANTERN--AGAINST THOSE MASTER EVIL-DOERS, ELECTRIC MAN, MONTY MORAN AND THE PUPPET MASTER...
"AS WE HURTLED AWAY FROM OUR HEADQUARTERS, JONN J'ONZZ CARRIED ME UPWARD IN HIS MIGHTY ARM..."
YOU'VE SWUM IN ALL THE WORLD'S SEAS, AQUAMAN! BUT I'M GOING TO TREAT YOU TO A SWIM--IN THE SKY
HOW CAN YOU DO THAT, JONN J'ONZZ?
BY TRAVELING IN THE JET STREAM--A ZONE OF TURBULENT HIGH ALTITUDE WINDS STREAMING FROM WEST TO EAST AROUND THE EARTH!
"WE HAD TRAVELED ALMOST TO OUR DESTINATION OFF THE FLORIDA COAST WHEN SUDDENLY THE JET STREAM WAS BATTERED BY LIGHTNING BOLTS."
JONN J'ONZZ! AQUAMAN! THAT ELECTRICAL DISPLAY IS CHANGING THE JET STREAM AIR-TO WATER!
"WITHIN SECONDS WE WERE BEING BUFFETED BY A RAGING MAELSTROM OF CRASHING WATER! UNUSED TO SUCH AQUATIC FURY, MY COMPANIONS WERE SOON HALF-CONSCIOUS."
ONLY MY FAMILIARITY WITH ALL MANNERS OF UNDERSEA CONDITIONS HAS ENABLED ME TO RETAIN MY SENSES!
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"TO MY HORROR I DISCOVERED THE AERIAL RIVER WAS PLUMMETING EARTHWARD IN A TITANIC WATERFALL--CARRYING US TO OUR DOOM ... "
GOT TO CATCH HOLD OF BOTH OF THEM!
"KICKING FURIOUSLY--FOR I COULD USE ONLY MY LEGS--I BEGAN FIGHTING THE AWESOME CURRENT, SLOWING OUR RATE OF FALL ... "
I CAN'T SWIM UPWARD--OR EVEN STAY WHERE I AM--BUT ONE THING I CAN DO--LET US DOWN GRADUALLY!
"I KNEW THIS MUST BE THE WORK OF MY OLD NEMESIS, ELECTRIC MAN! I COULD PICTURE HIM GLOATING, WHEREVER HE WAS ... "
EVEN AQUAMAN CAN'T PREVENT THEIR BEING DASHED TO THE GROUND AND KILLED!
"LABORING DESPERATELY--UNTIL MY MUSCLES CRACKED UNDER THE STRAIN--I FOUGHT THAT AWFUL DELUGE! WE LANDED HARD--BUT UNHURT... "
WHEW! AT LEAST, WE'RE SAFE!
"I SPOKE TOO SOON! NO SOONER HAD WE TOUCHED THE GROUND THAN YELLOW LIGHTNINGS BEGAN EXPLODING ON EVERY SIDE OF US! "
GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE OKAY, J'ONN J'ONZZ! GREEN LANTERN, SNAP OUT OF IT! WE'VE GOT TO MAKE TRACKS OUT OF HERE--OR WE'RE DONE FOR!
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"THOSE MAN-MADE LIGHTNINGS HERDED US BEFORE THEM AT A RUN! TO HAVE PAUSED WOULD HAVE PROVEN FATAL ... "
TOO BAD THOSE LIGHTNINGS ARE YELLOW, GREEN LANTERN--OR YOU COULD USE YOUR POWER RING AGAINST THEM!
I'D BETTER TAKE OVER HERE, AQUAMAN!
" WHERE THE ELECTRICAL BOLTS STRUCK, THEY CAUSED THE GRASS TO BURN! THEIR FLAMES SO WEAKENED ME, I HAD TO BE HELPED ALONG! THEN WE SAW... "
A CHUTE UP AHEAD...
...LEADING INTO A ROCKET SHIP! IT'S A TRAP OF SOME KIND--AND WE'RE HELPLESS TO AVOID IT!
"AS WE REACHED THE CHUTE, OUR FEET WENT OUT FROM UNDER US! WE SLID FASTER AND FASTER TOWARD THE OPEN HATCHWAY OF THE SPACE ROCKET! "
CAN'T ANYTHING SAVE US? GREEN LANTERN--YOUR POWER RING!
I'M--SO DIZZY I CAN'T FOCUS MY WILL POWER ON IT!
"SOMEWHERE CLOSE AT HAND, MONTY MORAN, THE GETAWAY MASTERMIND, WAS LAUGHING AT OUR PLIGHT! I WAS SURE OF IT! "
THEY'LL TUMBLE INTO THE HATCHWAY OF THE SPACESHIP! IT WILL CLOSE--IMPRISONING THEM! THEN THE SHIP ITSELF WILL BLAST OFF--HURLING THEM INTO THE SUN!
"BUT--AS WE SLID FURTHER FROM THE FLAMES--MY MARTIAN SUPER-STRENGTH RETURNED TO ME! QUICKLY, I INFLATED MY LUNGS AND BLEW! "
IF I CAN BLOW HARD ENOUGH, MAYBE I CAN GET US OUT OF THIS TRAP!

"DOWN IN THE PIT BENEATH THE ROCKET SHIP MY BREATHS GATHERED WITH THE EXPLOSIVE FURY OF A THOUSAND HURRICANES! CONCENTRATED IN SUCH A SMALL SPACE THEY COULD ONLY EXPAND--UPWARD!"
"BUFFETED BY MY SUPER-BREATHS, THE SPACE-VESSEL BEGAN TO RISE! AS WE FELL BENEATH IT I WAS ABLE TO PUFF IT OUT INTO SPACE--WITHOUT ITS HUMAN CARGO!"
"MOMENTS AFTER WE LANDED IN THE PIT WE WERE HURTLING SKYWARD, GRIMLY DETERMINED TO PUT AN END TO OUR DIFFICULTIES..."
MONTY MORAN, PUPPET MASTER AND ELECTRIC MAN ARE SOMEWHERE AROUND! LET'S GO GET 'EM!
I'D BETTER TAKE OVER THE TELLING OF THE REST OF IT, JOHN JONZZ!
"AS WE LIFTED UPWARD I GLIMPSED TWO SHADOWY OBJECTS COMING DOWN AT US WITH THE BRIGHT SUN AT THEIR BACKS! I NEEDED ONLY ONE LOOK TO IDENTIFY THEM!"
SOMETHING BLACK UP THERE COMING AT US--OF COURSE! GIANT PUPPETS!
"ALTHOUGH THE SUN WAS BEHIND THOSE PUPPETS--ITS BEAMS SHADOWING THEM--I SHIELDED MY EYES AND AIMED MY POWER RING AT THEM.."
I'LL BLAST THEM OUT OF THE SKY!
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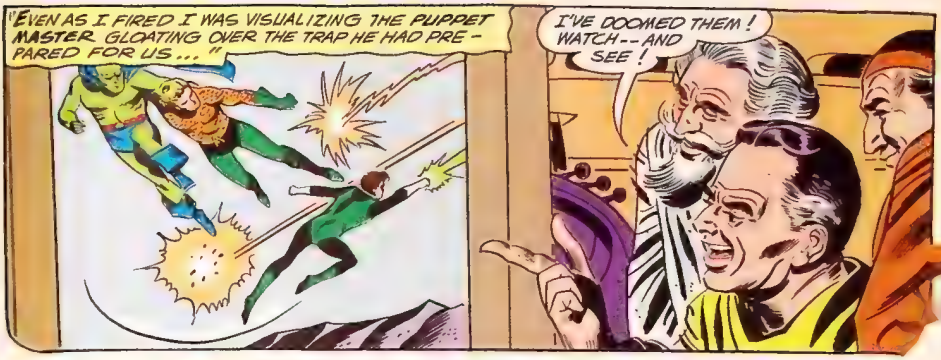
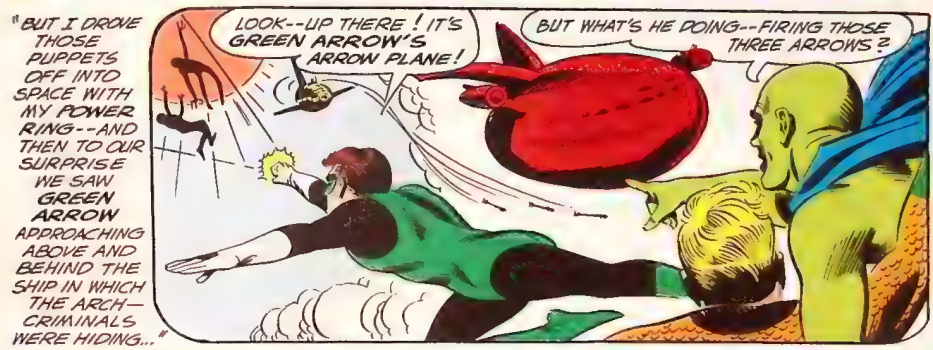
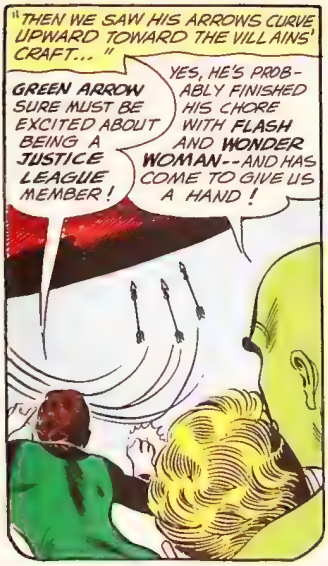
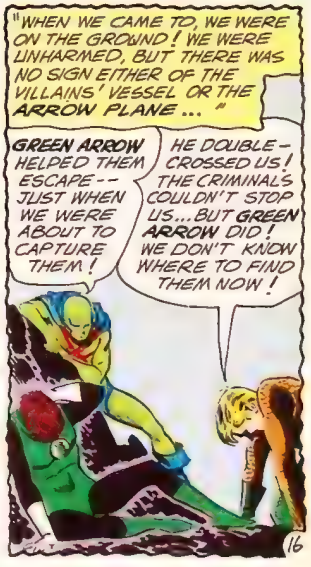

"EVEN AS I FIRED I WAS VISUALIZING THE PUPPET MASTER GLOATING OVER THE TRAP HE HAD PREPARED FOR US..."
I'VE DOOMED THEM! WATCH--AND SEE!


"BUT I DROVE THOSE PUPPETS OFF INTO SPACE WITH MY POWER RING--AND THEN TO OUR SURPRISE WE SAW GREEN ARROW APPROACHING ABOVE AND BEHIND THE SHIP IN WHICH THE ARCH-CRIMINALS WERE HIDING..."
LOOK--UP THERE! IT'S GREEN ARROW'S ARROW PLANE!
BUT WHAT'S HE DOING--FIRING THOSE THREE ARROWS?


"THEN WE SAW HIS ARROWS CURVE UPWARD TOWARD THE VILLAINS' CRAFT..."
GREEN ARROW SURE MUST BE EXCITED ABOUT BEING A JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBER!
YES, HE'S PROBABLY FINISHED HIS CHORE WITH FLASH AND WONDER WOMAN--AND HAS COME TO GIVE US A HAND!

"IN THE NEXT MOMENT WE KNEW DIFFERENTLY--THAT GREEN ARROW HAD TURNED AGAINST THE JUSTICE LEAGUE--FOR HIS ARROWS SUDDENLY EXPLODED IN FRONT OF US!"
KAROOM!
BLAM!
KAROOM!


"WHEN WE CAME TO, WE WERE ON THE GROUND! WE WERE UNHARMED, BUT THERE WAS NO SIGN EITHER OF THE VILLAINS' VESSEL OR THE ARROW PLANE..."
GREEN ARROW HELPED THEM ESCAPE--JUST WHEN WE WERE ABOUT TO CAPTURE THEM!
HE DOUBLE-CROSSED US! THE CRIMINALS COULDN'T STOP US...BUT GREEN ARROW DID! WE DON'T KNOW WHERE TO FIND THEM NOW!
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WHEN GRAVITY WENT WILD! CHAPTER 4
AS GREEN LANTERN CONCLUDES HIS TESTIMONY, THE AMAZING ARCHER RISES TO FACE THE JURY! HE SPEAKS QUIETLY, WITH CONFIDENCE..
YOU'VE HEARD MY ACCUSERS' STORIES, GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY! I ADMIT DOING EVERYTHING THEY SAY--EXCEPT EVENTS WERE NOT QUITE AS THEY DESCRIBED THEM!
"TO BEGIN WITH, WHILE FLASH, WONDER WOMAN AND I STRUGGLED FOR SURVIVAL IN THE SUN-DIAL QUICKSAND, OUR BREATHS TURNED TO FOGGY WISPS IN THE TERRIBLE COLD, BUT... "
THAT'S ODD! THERE ARE NO FOGGY BREATHS COMING FROM OUR FOES!
"THERE COULD ONLY BE ONE REASON WHY THE ARCHCRIMINALS CAPTAIN COLD, PROFESSOR MENACE AND KING CLOCK SEEMED NOT TO BE BREATHING... "
THOSE AREN'T THE REAL VILLAINS--BUT ROBOTS CREATED TO LOOK EXACTLY LIKE THEM!
"SO CONFIDENT WAS I THAT I WAS RIGHT THAT EVEN AS FLASH AND WONDER WOMAN DASHED TO CAPTURE THEM, I FITTED ARROWS TO MY BOW AND.."
PROFESSOR MENACE ONCE BUILT AN EXACT DUPLICATE OF WONDER WOMAN!* HE COULD EASILY BUILD ROBOTS OF HIMSELF AND CAPTAIN COLD AND KING CLOCK!
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*Editor's Note; SEE WONDER WOMAN #111, JAN. 1960

GREEN ARROW PAUSES IN HIS RECITAL AND TURNS TOWARD THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER AND THE AMAZING AMAZON...
SO YOU SEE, THOUGH YOU IMAGINED I WAS HELPING OUR ENEMIES ESCAPE--ACTUALLY I WAS SAVING BOTH YOUR LIVES!
BUT I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU FIRED THOSE ARROWS AT THE ROBOTS!
MY ARROWS PROVED THOSE ROBOTS WERE WIRED TO BLOW UP WHEN YOU TOUCHED THEM! HAD YOU SUCCEEDED IN CAPTURING THEM--YOU'D HAVE BEEN KILLED! THEN I BEGAN TO WONDER...
"IF OUR ENEMIES PULLED THIS STUNT ONCE, THEY MIGHT INTEND TO REPEAT IT AGAINST GREEN LANTERN, J'ONN J'ONZZ AND AQUAMAN, SO I HURRIED TO THEM! ON THE WAY..."
THE PUPPET MASTER'S BEEN AT WORK, I SEE--BUT OUR BOYS HAVE DEFEATED HIS DEADLY MARIONETTES!
"I BROUGHT THE ARROW PLANE TO A HALT, HIDDEN IN A CLOUD FORMATION ABOVE AND BEHIND THE CRIMINALS' CRAFT SO THEY COULDN'T SEE ME, AND BLASTED A HARPOON-ARROW AT THEIR SHIP..."
"WHEN THE ARROW SHATTERED IN A BLAZE OF EXPLOSIVE SPARKS, I REALIZED MY SUSPICIONS WERE CORRECT..."
MY FELLOW-MEMBERS ARE EVEN NOW SPEEDING UP TO CAPTURE OUR ENEMIES! BUT--AS SOON AS THEY TOUCH THE INVISIBLE FORCE-FIELD AROUND THEIR SHIP--THEY'LL PERISH!
"I HAD TO ACT FAST! I FIRED THREE SPECIAL ARROWS..."
I MUSN'T REVEAL MY PRESENCE TO THOSE CROOKS! I'LL CURVE MY ARROWS AROUND SO THAT THEY'LL COME UP RIGHT IN FRONT OF GREEN LANTERN, AQUAMAN AND JONN J'ONZZ!

"YOU SAW THREE EXPLOSIONS AS MY THREE ARROWS HIT THE FORCE—FIELD! THE EXPLOSIONS KNOCKED YOU OUT, ALL RIGHT, BUT IN SUCH A MANNER THAT OUR ENEMIES THOUGHT YOU'D TOUCHED THEIR DEADLY FORCE-FIELD..."
PUPPET MASTER, ELECTRIC MAN AND MONTY MORAN ARE LEAVING! THEY THINK MY FELLOW-MEMBERS ARE DOOMED!
I WHIPPED OUT THREE FISH-HOOK ARROWS--WHICH I USE FOR FISHING WHEN ON VACATION--AND FIRED DOWN ON YOU..."
I WAITED UNTIL THE VERY LAST MINUTE TO MAKE SURE THOSE CRIMINALS WOULDN'T SUSPECT MY PRESENCE!
"HOOKING INTO THE BACKS OF YOUR COSTUMES, I 'PLAYED' YOU AS I MIGHT THREE FISH, LOWERING YOU GENTLY TO THE GROUND..."
ONCE THEY'RE ON THE GROUND, I'LL FREE THE HOOKS AND PULL UP MY LINES!
THE BOWMAN TURNS TOWARD GREEN LANTERN, J'ONN J'ONZZ AND AQUAMAN WITH A TIGHT LITTLE SMILE ...
IN YOUR EYES IT SEEMED I WAS ENDANGERING YOUR LIVES! ACTUALLY--I WAS SAVING THEM! AS PROOF--LOOK AT THE BACKS OF YOUR COSTUMES!
BY GOLLY--HE'S RIGHT! THERE'S A TEAR WHERE HIS FISHHOOK ARROW HELD IT!
I FEEL MIGHTY BADLY ABOUT THIS! I GUESS WE ALL DO!
CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE US?
ON BEHALF OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US--I APOLOGIZE!
BUT WHY IN THE WORLD DIDN'T YOU TELL US ALL THIS RIGHT AWAY, GREEN ARROW?
I DIDN'T DARE! YOU SEE--ONE OF YOU IS AN--IMPOSTOR!
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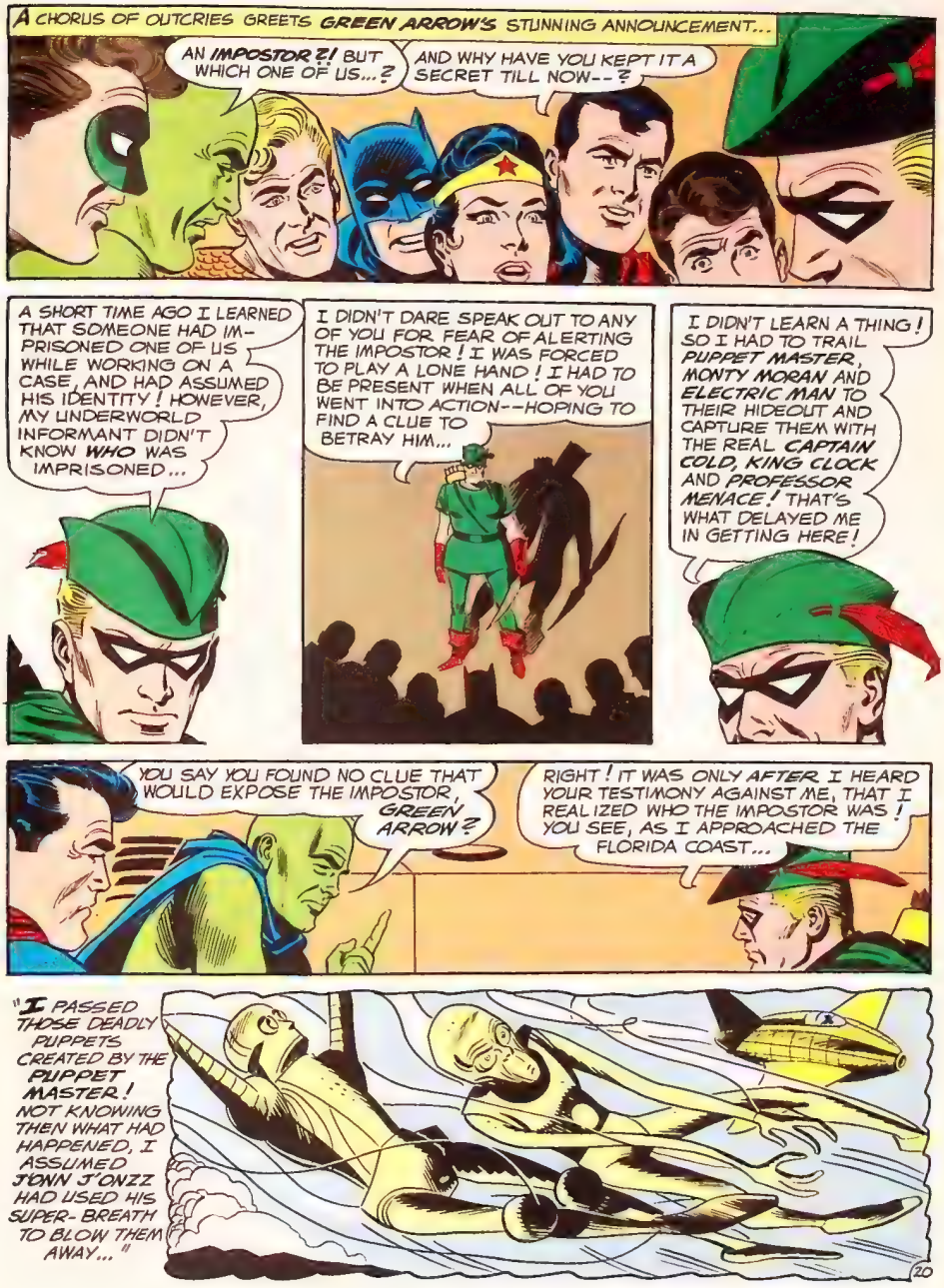
A CHORUS OF OUTCRIES GREETS GREEN ARROW'S STUNNING ANNOUNCEMENT...
AN IMPOSTOR?! BUT WHICH ONE OF US...?
AND WHY HAVE YOU KEPT IT A SECRET TILL NOW--?
A SHORT TIME AGO I LEARNED THAT SOMEONE HAD IMPRISONED ONE OF US WHILE WORKING ON A CASE, AND HAD ASSUMED HIS IDENTITY! HOWEVER, MY UNDERWORLD INFORMANT DIDN'T KNOW WHO WAS IMPRISONED...
I DIDN'T DARE SPEAK OUT TO ANY OF YOU FOR FEAR OF ALERTING THE IMPOSTOR! I WAS FORCED TO PLAY A LONE HAND! I HAD TO BE PRESENT WHEN ALL OF YOU WENT INTO ACTION--HOPING TO FIND A CLUE TO BETRAY HIM...
I DIDN'T LEARN A THING! SO I HAD TO TRAIL PUPPET MASTER, MONTY MORAN AND ELECTRIC MAN TO THEIR HIDEOUT AND CAPTURE THEM WITH THE REAL CAPTAIN COLD, KING CLOCK AND PROFESSOR MENACE! THAT'S WHAT DELAYED ME IN GETTING HERE!
YOU SAY YOU FOUND NO CLUE THAT WOULD EXPOSE THE IMPOSTOR, GREEN ARROW?
RIGHT! IT WAS ONLY AFTER I HEARD YOUR TESTIMONY AGAINST ME, THAT I REALIZED WHO THE IMPOSTOR WAS! YOU SEE, AS I APPROACHED THE FLORIDA COAST...
"I PASSED THOSE DEADLY PUPPETS CREATED BY THE PUPPET MASTER! NOT KNOWING THEN WHAT HAD HAPPENED, I ASSUMED JOHN J'ONZZ HAD USED HIS SUPER-BREATH TO BLOW THEM AWAY..."
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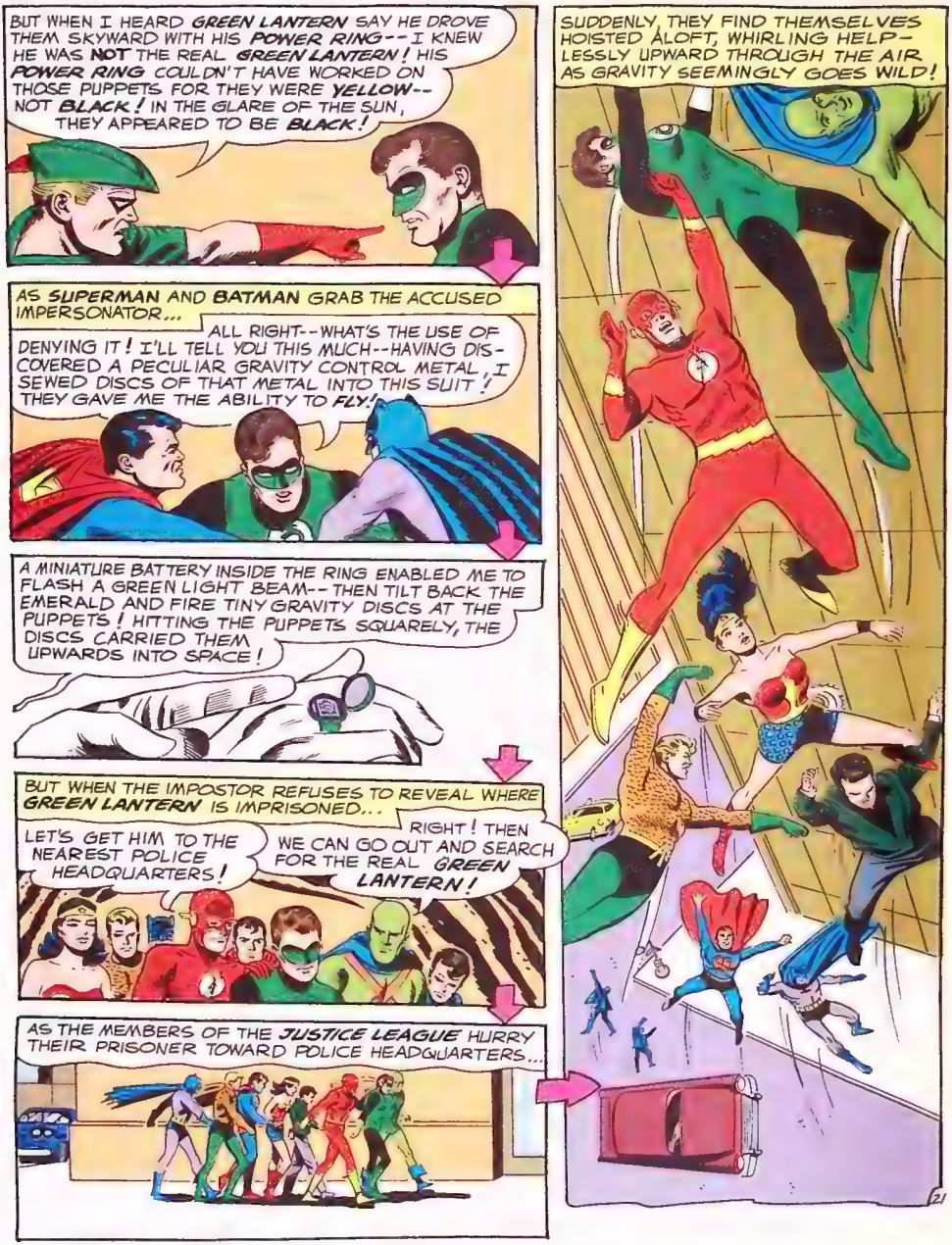
BUT WHEN I HEARD GREEN LANTERN SAY HE DROVE THEM SKYWARD WITH HIS POWER RING--I KNEW HE WAS NOT THE REAL GREEN LANTERN! HIS POWER RING COULDN'T HAVE WORKED ON THOSE PUPPETS FOR THEY WERE YELLOW--NOT BLACK! IN THE GLARE OF THE SUN, THEY APPEARED TO BE BLACK!
AS SUPERMAN AND BATMAN GRAB THE ACCUSED IMPERSONATOR...
ALL RIGHT--WHAT'S THE USE OF DENYING IT! I'LL TELL YOU THIS MUCH--HAVING DISCOVERED A PECULIAR GRAVITY CONTROL METAL, I SEWED DISCS OF THAT METAL INTO THIS SUIT! THEY GAVE ME THE ABILITY TO FLY!
A MINIATURE BATTERY INSIDE THE RING ENABLED ME TO FLASH A GREEN LIGHT BEAM--THEN TILT BACK THE EMERALD AND FIRE TINY GRAVITY DISCS AT THE PUPPETS! HITTING THE PUPPETS SQUARELY, THE DISCS CARRIED THEM UPWARDS INTO SPACE!
BUT WHEN THE IMPOSTOR REFUSES TO REVEAL WHERE GREEN LANTERN IS IMPRISONED...
LET'S GET HIM TO THE NEAREST POLICE HEADQUARTERS!
RIGHT! THEN WE CAN GO OUT AND SEARCH FOR THE REAL GREEN LANTERN!
AS THE MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE HURRY THEIR PRISONER TOWARD POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
SUDDENLY, THEY FIND THEMSELVES HOISTED ALOFT, WHIRLING HELPLESSLY UPWARD THROUGH THE AIR AS GRAVITY SEEMINGLY GOES WILD!
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WHEN GRAVITY WENT WILD! CHAPTER 5

DRAWN UPWARD FROM THE CITY AND INTO A GREAT SPACESHIP, THE MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE FIND THEMSELVES DAZED AND HELPLESS--THEIR WILLS TO RESIST SHATTERED! HERE THE FALSE GREEN LANTERN IS LED AWAY FROM THE STRANGE MACHINE WHICH HAS CAUSED THIS DISASTER...

COME, DOCTOR DESTINY! THE WILLS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE HAVE BEEN DEADENED BY THE COMBINATION GRAVITRON-WILL-DEADENER RAY!

ITS EFFECTS WEAR OFF AS SOON AS YOU ARE TAKEN OUT OF ITS RANGE!

FREED FROM THE SPELL OF THE WILL-DESTROYING MACHINE, THE IMPOSTOR REMOVES HIS MASK...

NO ONE KNOWS ME FOR A MASTER-THIEF YET--BECAUSE UNTIL NOW I'VE STOLEN NOTHING!

I KNEW BEFORE I STOLE SO MUCH AS A PENNY, HOWEVER--I MUST ELIMINATE THE JUSTICE LEAGUE! THEY WERE ALL I HAD TO FEAR! ONCE RID OF THEM--I'D BE ABLE TO STEAL WHATEVER I WANTED--AS DOCTOR DESTINY!

THE CARS AND PEOPLE DRAWN UPWARD ALONG WITH THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN RETURNED SAFELY TO THE GROUND, DOCTOR DESTINY!

GOOD! NOW LET'S LEAD THE JUSTICE LEAGUE TO THEIR PREPARED WILL-DEADENING MACHINES!

DOCTOR DESTINY SHOWS THE WAY INTO A LARGE CHAMBER FITTED OUT WITH RAISED PLATFORMS AND INVISIBLE LIGHT BEAMS OVERHEAD...

HERE IS THE REAL GREEN LANTERN--MY HELPLESS PRISONER--WHOM I CAPTURED SOME TIME AGO! OH, YES, SUPERMAN, IF YOU'RE WONDERING WHY YOU CAN'T BREAK FREE, KRYPTONITE IS ONE OF THE ELEMENTS I USE TO POWER MY WILL-DEADENING MACHINE!

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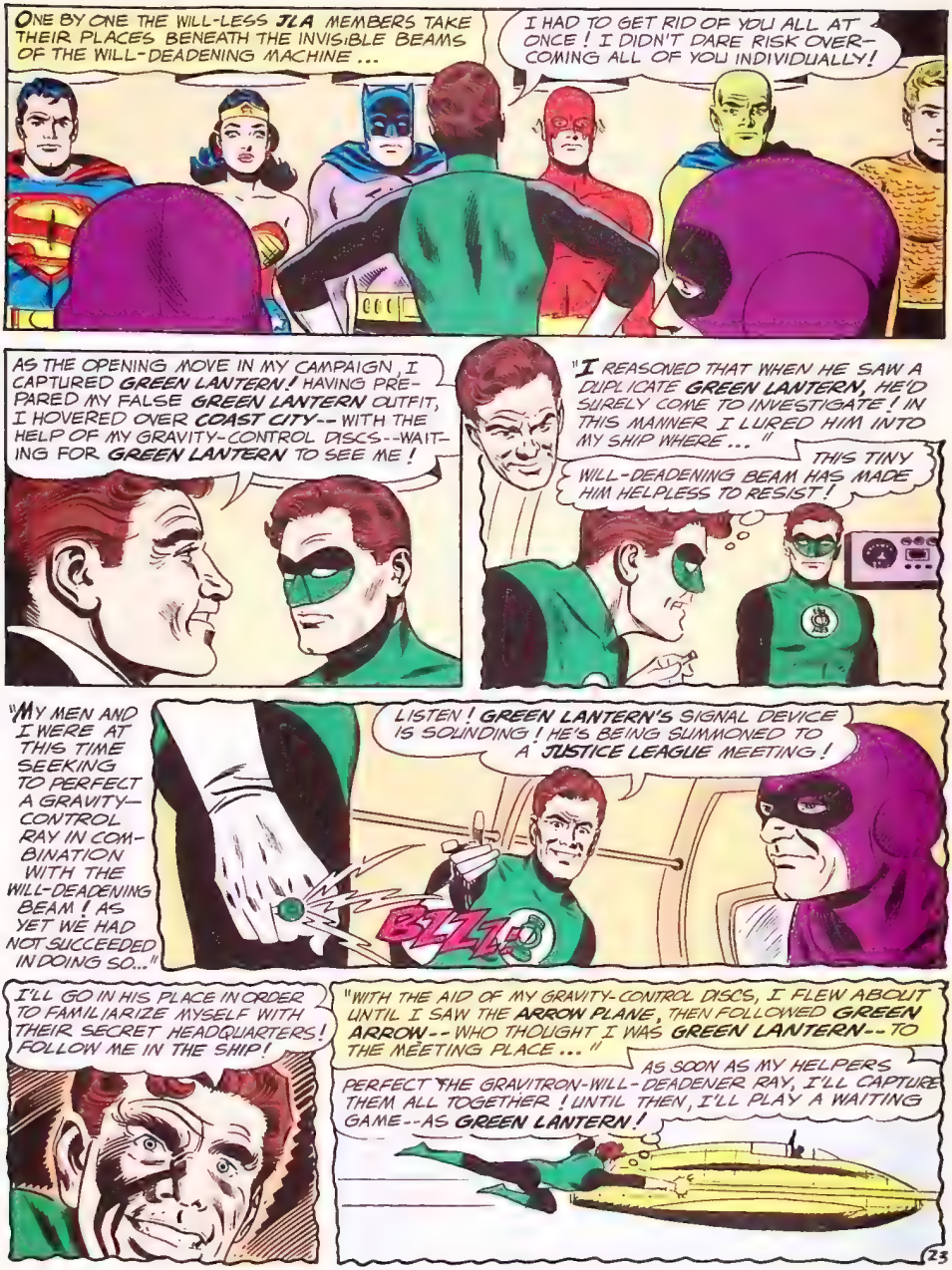
ONE BY ONE THE WILL-LESS JLA MEMBERS TAKE THEIR PLACES BENEATH THE INVISIBLE BEAMS OF THE WILL-DEADENING MACHINE ...
I HAD TO GET RID OF YOU ALL AT ONCE! I DIDN'T DARE RISK OVERCOMING ALL OF YOU INDIVIDUALLY!
AS THE OPENING MOVE IN MY CAMPAIGN, I CAPTURED GREEN LANTERN! HAVING PREPARED MY FALSE GREEN LANTERN OUTFIT, I HOVERED OVER COAST CITY--WITH THE HELP OF MY GRAVITY-CONTROL DISCS--WAITING FOR GREEN LANTERN TO SEE ME!
"I REASONED THAT WHEN HE SAW A DUPLICATE GREEN LANTERN, HE'D SURELY COME TO INVESTIGATE! IN THIS MANNER I LURED HIM INTO MY SHIP WHERE ... "
THIS TINY WILL-DEADENING BEAM HAS MADE HIM HELPLESS TO RESIST!
"MY MEN AND I WERE AT THIS TIME SEEKING TO PERFECT A GRAVITY-CONTROL RAY IN COMBINATION WITH THE WILL-DEADENING BEAM! AS YET WE HAD NOT SUCCEEDED IN DOING SO..."
LISTEN! GREEN LANTERN'S SIGNAL DEVICE IS SOUNDING! HE'S BEING SUMMONED TO A JUSTICE LEAGUE MEETING!
BZZZ!
I'LL GO IN HIS PLACE IN ORDER TO FAMILIARIZE MYSELF WITH THEIR SECRET HEADQUARTERS! FOLLOW ME IN THE SHIP!
"WITH THE AID OF MY GRAVITY-CONTROL DISCS, I FLEW ABOUT UNTIL I SAW THE ARROW PLANE, THEN FOLLOWED GREEN ARROW--WHO THOUGHT I WAS GREEN LANTERN--TO THE MEETING PLACE ... "
AS SOON AS MY HELPERS PERFECT THE GRAVITRON-WILL-DEADENER RAY, I'LL CAPTURE THEM ALL TOGETHER! UNTIL THEN, I'LL PLAY A WAITING GAME--AS GREEN LANTERN!
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NATURALLY, I WAS WELL-PREPARED TO ACT AS THE REAL GREEN LANTERN SHOULD I HAVE TO GO OUT ON A CASE! WHEN GREEN ARROW EXPOSED ME, I THOUGHT I WAS DONE FOR! LUCKILY, MY MEN COMPLETED THE RAY-MACHINE JUST IN TIME TO SAVE ME!
NOW WE'LL LAND THE SHIP IN A REMOTE AREA! MY MEN AND I WILL DISEMBARK--AND BY AUTOMATIC CONTROLS I'LL SEND THE SHIP INTO SPACE WITH THE ENTIRE JUSTICE LEAGUE ON BOARD!
WILL-LESS, THEY'LL TRAVEL ON THROUGH SPACE FOR ALL ETERNITY! I'LL BE RID OF THEM FOREVER!
DON'T BE TOO SURE OF THAT, DOCTOR DESTINY!
GREEN LANTERN! BUT--YOU CAN'T MOVE! THE WILL-DEADENING BEAM IS HOLDING YOU HELPLESS!
IT WAS HOLDING ME HELPLESS--BUT NOT NOW! AS YOU USED THIS INVISIBLE BEAM ON US--SO I'LL USE IT ON YOU AND YOUR COHORTS!
STRUGGLE AS THEY WILL, THE THREE EVIL-DOERS ARE UNABLE TO MOVE!
I'LL MOVE MY POWER RING BACK AND FORTH TO COVER ALL OF YOU--WHILE I FREE MY FELLOW MEMBERS!
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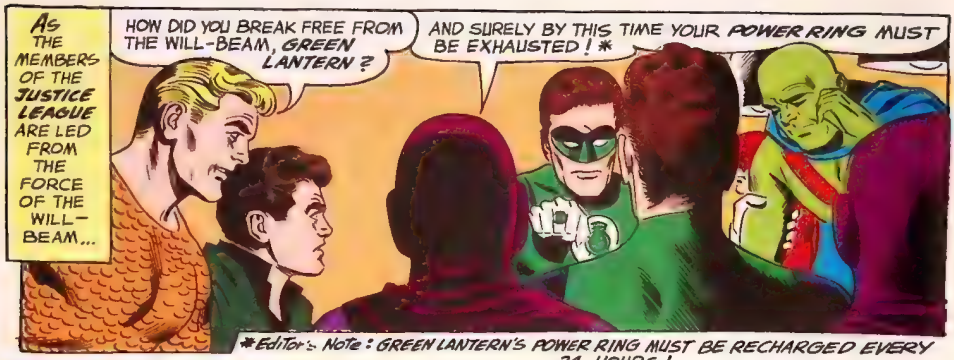
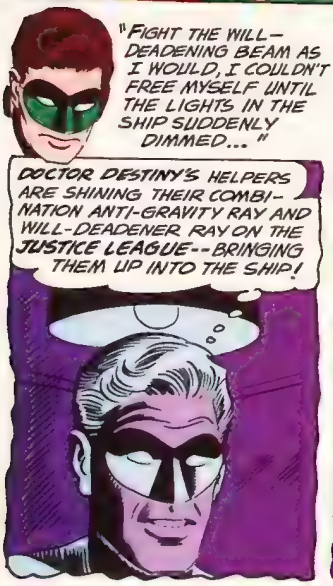
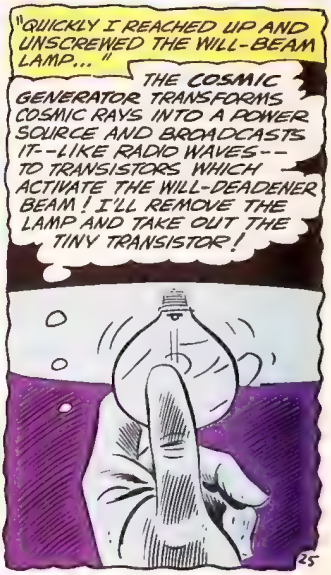

AS THE MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE ARE LED FROM THE FORCE OF THE WILL-BEAM...
HOW DID YOU BREAK FREE FROM THE WILL-BEAM, GREEN LANTERN?
AND SURELY BY THIS TIME YOUR POWER RING MUST BE EXHAUSTED!*
*EDITOR'S NOTE: GREEN LANTERN'S POWER RING MUST BE RECHARGED EVERY 24 HOURS!

WITHHOLDING HIS ANSWERS WHILE THE OTHERS TAKE DOCTOR DESTINY AND HIS MEN TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS, THE GREEN GLADIATOR SPEEDS AWAY TO RECHARGE HIS POWER RING, THEN JOINS HIS FELLOW-MEMBERS AT THE SECRET SANCTUARY...
CAUGHT BY HIS WILL-DEADENING BEAM, I WAS PLACED ON ONE OF THOSE PLATFORMS, WHERE I OVERHEARD DOCTOR DESTINY'S MEN TALKING! THUS I LEARNED OF HIS PLAN TO CAPTURE YOU ALL...


"FIGHT THE WILL-DEADENING BEAM AS I WOULD, I COULDN'T FREE MYSELF UNTIL THE LIGHTS IN THE SHIP SUDDENLY DIMMED..."
DOCTOR DESTINY'S HELPERS ARE SHINING THEIR COMBINATION ANTI-GRAVITY RAY AND WILL-DEADENER RAY ON THE JUSTICE LEAGUE--BRINGING THEM UP INTO THE SHIP!

THEY'RE USING A COSMIC-GENERATOR TO POWER THEIR MACHINE--BUT IT'S DRAWING SO MUCH ON THE OTHER EQUIPMENT, IT WEAKENED THE POWER OF THE WILL-DEADENING LAMP ABOVE ME!


"QUICKLY I REACHED UP AND UNSCREWED THE WILL-BEAM LAMP..."
THE COSMIC GENERATOR TRANSFORMS COSMIC RAYS INTO A POWER SOURCE AND BROADCASTS IT--LIKE RADIO WAVES--TO TRANSISTORS WHICH ACTIVATE THE WILL-DEADENER BEAM! I'LL REMOVE THE LAMP AND TAKE OUT THE TINY TRANSISTOR!
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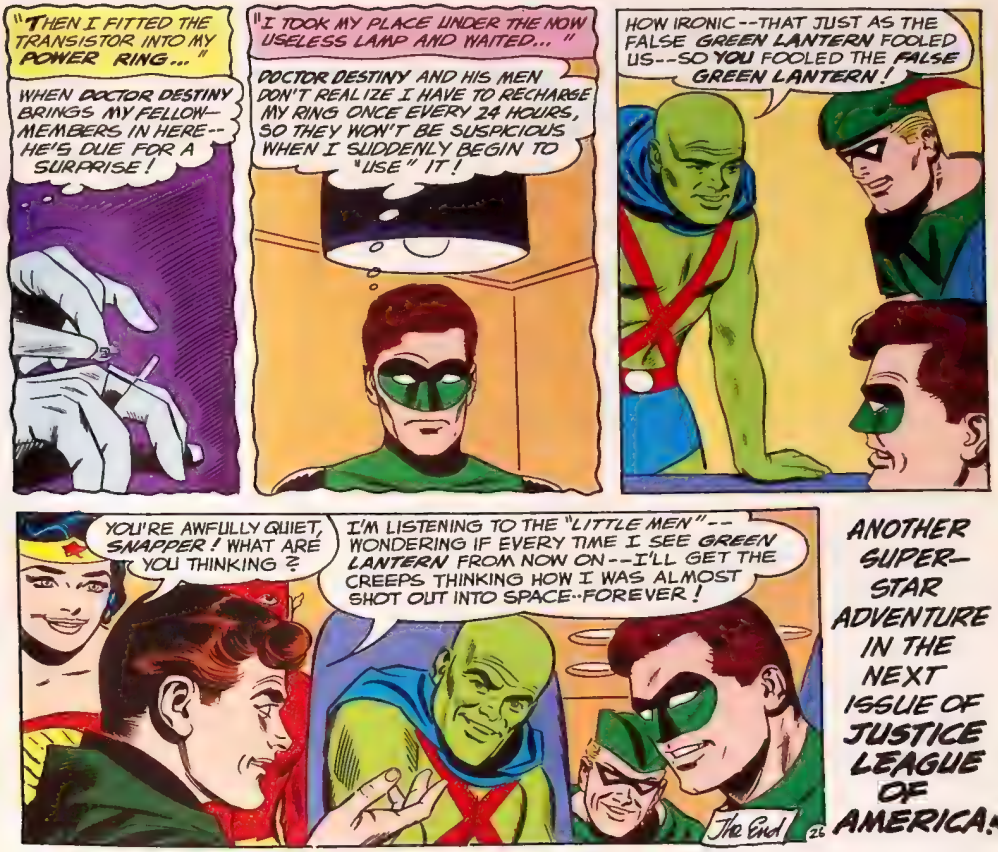
"THEN I FITTED THE TRANSISTOR INTO MY POWER RING..."
WHEN DOCTOR DESTINY BRINGS MY FELLOW-MEMBERS IN HERE--HE'S DUE FOR A SURPRISE!
"I TOOK MY PLACE UNDER THE NOW USELESS LAMP AND WAITED..."
DOCTOR DESTINY AND HIS MEN DON'T REALIZE I HAVE TO RECHARGE MY RING ONCE EVERY 24 HOURS, SO THEY WON'T BE SUSPICIOUS WHEN I SUDDENLY BEGIN TO "USE" IT!
HOW IRONIC--THAT JUST AS THE FALSE GREEN LANTERN FOOLED US--SO YOU FOOLED THE FALSE GREEN LANTERN!
YOU'RE AWFULLY QUIET, SNAPPER! WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
I'M LISTENING TO THE "LITTLE MEN"--WONDERING IF EVERY TIME I SEE GREEN LANTERN FROM NOW ON--I'LL GET THE CREEPS THINKING HOW I WAS ALMOST SHOT OUT INTO SPACE--FOREVER!
The End
ANOTHER SUPER-STAR ADVENTURE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA!

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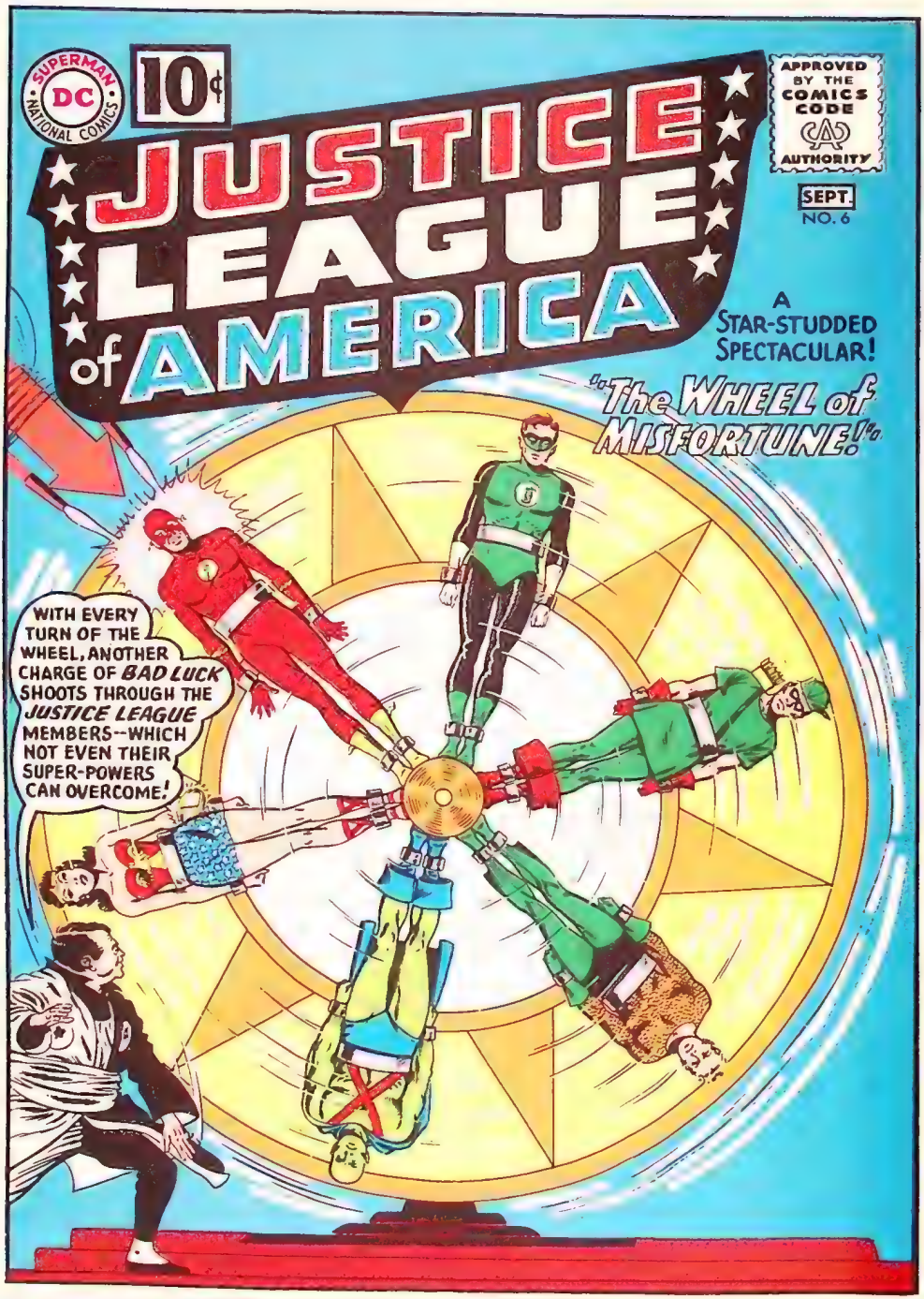
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A STAR-STUDDED SPECTACULAR!
"The WHEEL of MISFORTUNE!"
WITH EVERY TURN OF THE WHEEL, ANOTHER CHARGE OF BAD LUCK SHOOTS THROUGH THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS--WHICH NOT EVEN THEIR SUPER-POWERS CAN OVERCOME!

JUSTICE LEAGUE of AMERICA

AROUND AND AROUND THE WHEEL SPINS, FASTER AND FASTER, CARRYING WITH IT THE GREAT CHAMPIONS OF JUSTICE AND ENEMIES OF EVIL! AT EVERY TURN THEY WEAKEN STILL FURTHER! SOON THEIR EFFECTIVENESS AS A FIGHTING FORCE WILL BE FOREVER DESTROYED!

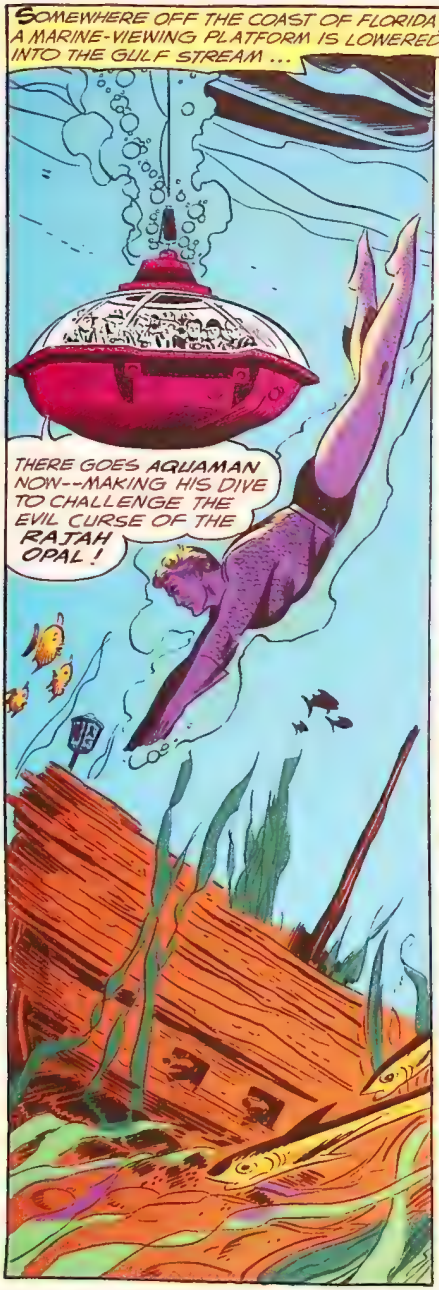
CAN THIS BE THE END OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE? HAS PROFESSOR FORTUNE FOUND THE ONE AND ONLY WAY TO OVERCOME THEIR SUPER-POWERS?

The WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE!

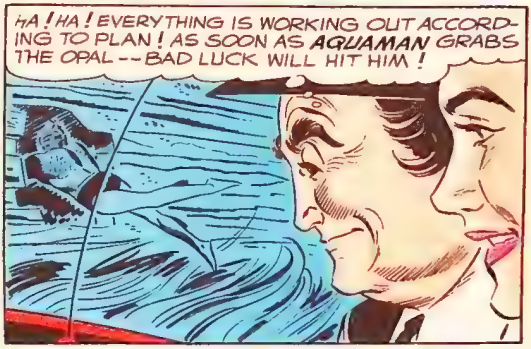
Roll Call
PARTICIPATING MEMBERS

1. Aquaman
2. Wonder Woman
3. Flash
4. Green Arrow
5. Green Lantern
6. J'onn J'onzz
7. Snapper Carr

NON-PARTICIPATING MEMBERS
Superman • Batman


SOMEWHERE OFF THE COAST OF FLORIDA, A MARINE-VIEWING PLATFORM IS LOWERED INTO THE GULF STREAM ...
THERE GOES AQUAMAN NOW--MAKING HIS DIVE TO CHALLENGE THE EVIL CURSE OF THE RAJAH OPAL!

AQUAMAN DOESN'T BELIEVE IN SUPERSTITION--BUT EVERY OTHER DIVER WHO TRIED TO RECOVER THE OPAL FROM THE SUNKEN GALLEON--MET DISASTER!


HA! HA! EVERYTHING IS WORKING OUT ACCORDING TO PLAN! AS SOON AS AQUAMAN GRABS THE OPAL--BAD LUCK WILL HIT HIM!
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INTO THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN SWIMS THE SEA KING--PROPS OPEN A JEWEL COFFER AND LIFTS OUT THE OPAL...
I'LL GIVE THE NEWSMEN AND PHOTOGRAPHERS A GOOD SHOT OF THE GEM BEFORE I BRING IT UP!

AS AQUAMAN SWIMS FOR THE EXIT, A SUDDEN UNDERSEA CURRENT SHIFTS THE OLD WRECK--SLAMMING SHUT THE DOOR OF THE CABIN WITH STUNNING FORCE..
WHAT MISERABLE LUCK--OHHH!
THUD!
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THE FOLLOWING DAY, WONDER WOMAN IS ABOUT TO PERFORM A SERIES OF AERIAL ATHLETIC FEATS FOR CHARITY WHEN...
WONDER WOMAN--THAT BLACK CAT IS CROSSING YOUR PATH! IT WILL BRING YOU BAD LUCK!
PURE SUPERSTITION, DEAR! IT WON'T BOTHER ME...
MOUNTING TO THE TOP OF THE HIGH TOWER, THE AMAZON PRINCESS LAUNCHES HERSELF HIGH INTO THE AIR--AS BLAZING FIRE HOOPS ARE FIRED UPWARD AT HER!
AS I GO THROUGH EACH OF THE HOOPS I'LL BLOW OUT THE FLAMES!
THROUGH ONE AND THEN ANOTHER HOOP SHE GLIDES, INCREDIBLY GRACEFUL, RIDING THE WIND CURRENTS..
WHOOSH!
WITH TERRIFYING SUDDENNESS, HER BODY HITS AN AIR POCKET! LACKING SUPPORT, SHE PLUMMETS GROUNDWARD...
I'M FALLING!
AND--I HAD NO CHANCE TO BLOW OUT THE LAST OF THE FLAMING HOOPS!
SHE LANDS HARD BUT UNHARMED, BUT BEYOND HER THE UNDERBRUSH CRACKLES WITH GRIM RED FIRE...
JUST MY HARD LUCK TO HIT THAT AIR POCKET! IT'S ALMOST AS IF THAT BLACK CAT--NONSENSE! I BETTER RUSH OVER AND PUT OUT THAT FIRE!
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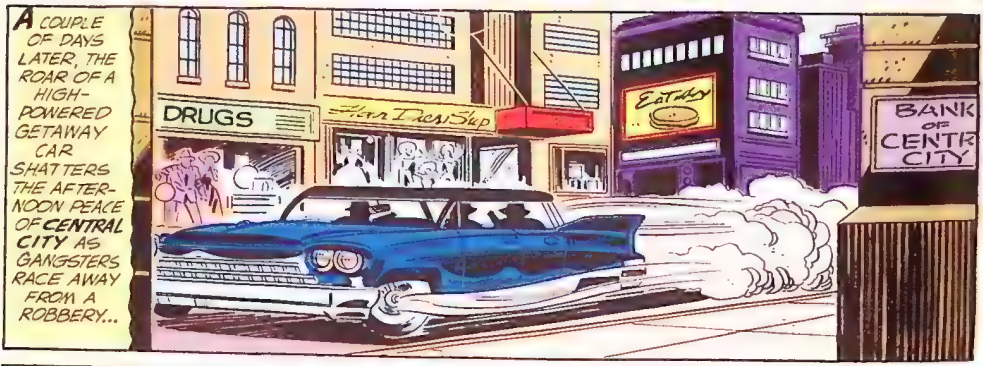
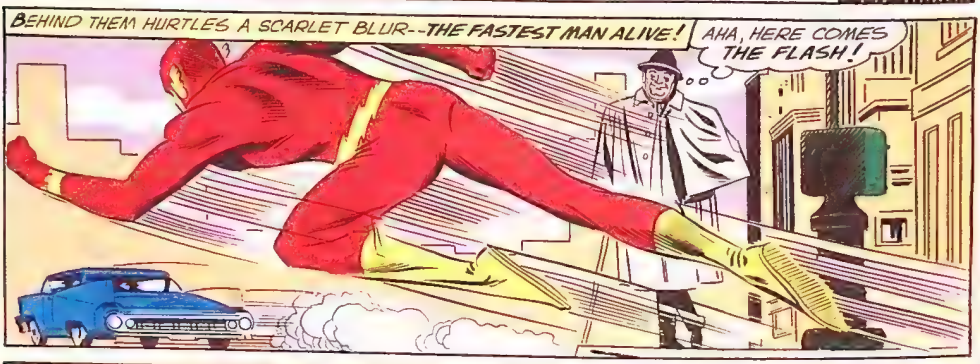
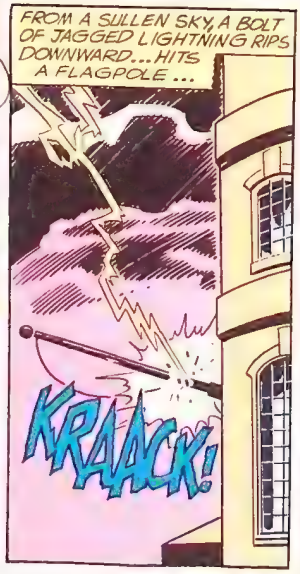

A COUPLE OF DAYS LATER, THE ROAR OF A HIGH-POWERED GETAWAY CAR SHATTERS THE AFTERNOON PEACE OF CENTRAL CITY AS GANGSTERS RACE AWAY FROM A ROBBERY...
DRUGS
EATERY
BANK OF CENTR CITY


BEHIND THEM HURTLES A SCARLET BLUR--THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE!
AHA, HERE COMES THE FLASH!

AS HE RACES ACROSS THE PAVEMENT, HIS FOOT CRASHES DOWN ON A MIRROR...
BREAKING A MIRROR IS SUPPOSED TO BRING SEVEN YEARS BAD LUCK--NOT THAT I BELIEVE IT...
CRACK!


FROM A SULLEN SKY, A BOLT OF JAGGED LIGHTNING RIPS DOWNWARD... HITS A FLAGPOLE ...
KRAACK!

...AND BY A STROKE OF MISFORTUNE PLUMMETS DOWN ON THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER...
OHH...

IN A NEARBY CITY SOME WHAT LATER, BLACK CLOUDS AND RED FLAMES RISE UPWARD FROM A FACTORY BUILDING AS GREEN ARROW SPEEDS TO THE RESCUE...
THERE'S A MAN ON THE ROOF--FRIGHTENED BY THE FIRE--GOING TO JUMP! WITHOUT A NET TO CATCH HIM--HE'LL BE BADLY HURT!
POLICE
A MOMENT LATER...
JUST AS I EXPECTED--HERE COMES GREEN ARROW TO THE RESCUE!
ONE OF MY PARACHUTE ARROWS CAN SAVE HIM--BUT I'VE GOT TO GET CLOSER FOR A GOOD SHOT, EVEN IF IT MEANS GOING UNDER THIS LADDER AND DEFYING BAD LUCK!
HE'S JUMPED--BUT MY PARACHUTE ARROW WILL SAVE HIM! AS IT PASSES THROUGH HIS COAT, FLANGES WILL YANK THE PARACHUTE CORD AND BRING HIM SAFELY TO THE GROUND!
UPWARD FLIES THE SHAFT, STRAIGHT AND TRUE, BUT...
THAT COLLAPSING WALL KNOCKED MY ARROW OFF COURSE! AND THERE'S NO TIME TO FIRE ANOTHER! GOOD GOSH--I WONDER IF WALKING UNDER THAT LADDER COULD HAVE JINXED ME!
SOME MILES BEYOND COAST CITY THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON, GREEN LANTERN SIGHTS A TRUCK LUMBERING OVER A COUNTRY BRIDGE...
THAT WOODEN BRIDGE IS GIVING WAY--GOING TO COLLAPSE!
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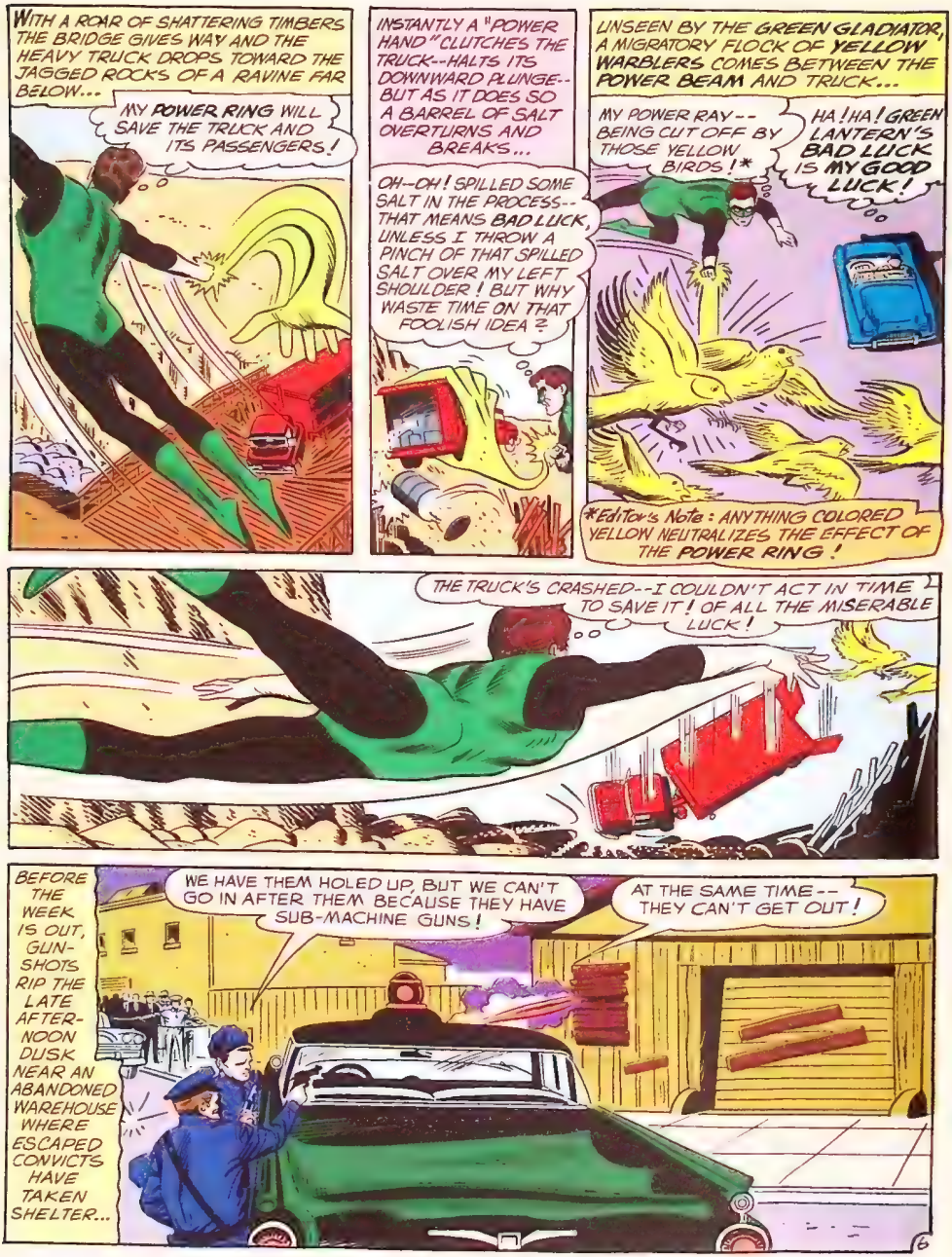
WITH A ROAR OF SHATTERING TIMBERS THE BRIDGE GIVES WAY AND THE HEAVY TRUCK DROPS TOWARD THE JAGGED ROCKS OF A RAVINE FAR BELOW...
MY POWER RING WILL SAVE THE TRUCK AND ITS PASSENGERS!
INSTANTLY A "POWER HAND" CLUTCHES THE TRUCK--HALTS ITS DOWNWARD PLUNGE--BUT AS IT DOES SO A BARREL OF SALT OVERTURNS AND BREAKS...
OH--OH! SPILLED SOME SALT IN THE PROCESS--THAT MEANS BAD LUCK, UNLESS I THROW A PINCH OF THAT SPILLED SALT OVER MY LEFT SHOULDER! BUT WHY WASTE TIME ON THAT FOOLISH IDEA?
UNSEEN BY THE GREEN GLADIATOR, A MIGRATORY FLOCK OF YELLOW WARBLERS COMES BETWEEN THE POWER BEAM AND TRUCK...
MY POWER RAY--BEING CUT OFF BY THOSE YELLOW BIRDS!*
HA! HA! GREEN LANTERN'S BAD LUCK IS MY GOOD LUCK!
*Editor's Note: ANYTHING COLORED YELLOW NEUTRALIZES THE EFFECT OF THE POWER RING!
THE TRUCK'S CRASHED--I COULDN'T ACT IN TIME TO SAVE IT! OF ALL THE MISERABLE LUCK!
BEFORE THE WEEK IS OUT, GUN-SHOTS RIP THE LATE AFTER-NOON DUSK NEAR AN ABANDONED WAREHOUSE WHERE ESCAPED CONVICTS HAVE TAKEN SHELTER...
WE HAVE THEM HOLED UP, BUT WE CAN'T GO IN AFTER THEM BECAUSE THEY HAVE SUB-MACHINE GUNS!
AT THE SAME TIME--THEY CAN'T GET OUT!
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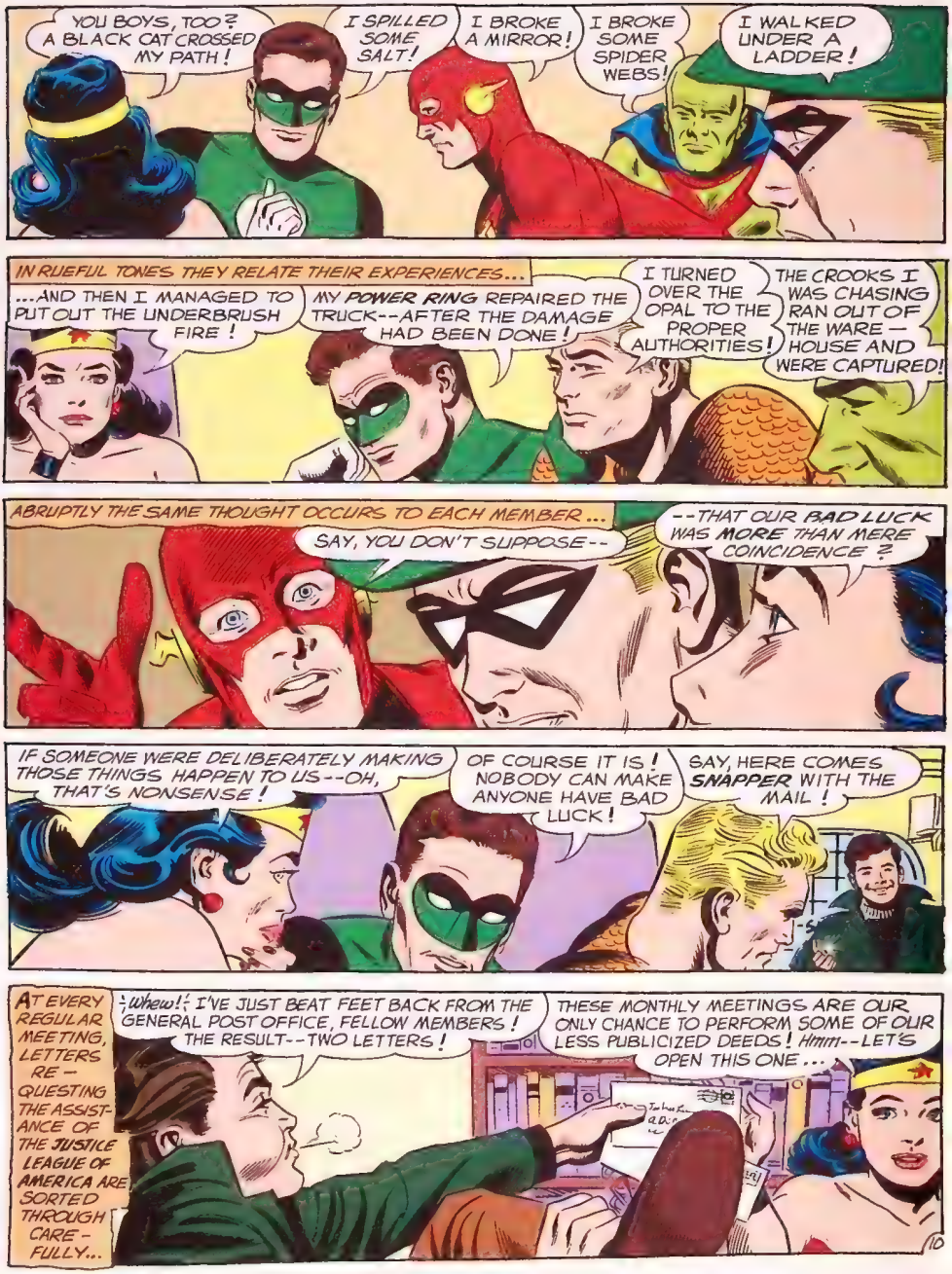
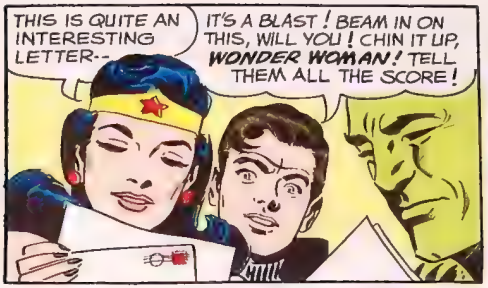
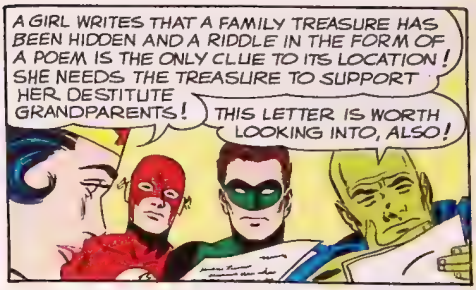
PAST THE ROPES HOLDING BACK THE CURIOUS CROWD RACES A FAMILIAR FIGURE...
AHA! J'ONN J'ONZZ IS UP TO SOME HEROICS! OR--SO HE THINKS!
HEAD LOWERED, THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER CRASHES THROUGH A WAREHOUSE DOOR, SHOWERING HIMSELF WITH SPLINTERS AND THE TORN REMNANTS OF RIPPED SPIDERWEBS
SUB-MACHINE GUN BULLETS CAN'T HARM ME! I CAN CAPTURE THOSE CONVICTS BEFORE ANYONE GETS HURT!
ACCORDING TO AN EARTH SUPERSTITION, IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE UNLUCKY TO BREAK A SPIDER-WEB--BUT THE ONLY ONES ABOUT TO HAVE ANY BAD LUCK ARE--THOSE GUN-MEN!
FROM ABOVE, A FIERY METEOR PLUNGES EARTHWARD...
INSTANTLY, THE ROTTED BEAMS CATCH FIRE! IN THAT BLAZE, WEAKENED BY HIS NEMESIS, J'ONN J'ONZZ GROWS STEADILY WEAKER...
I CAN'T--GO ON! THE ONE THING THAT ROBS ME OF ALL MY MARTIAN SUPER-STRENGTH IS--FIRE!
ON HANDS AND KNEES, THE MAN FROM MARS CRAWLS OUT TO SAFETY...
THOSE BROKEN SPIDER WEBS--BAH! THERE CAN'T BE ANY CONNECTION WITH WHAT HAPPENED TO ME...

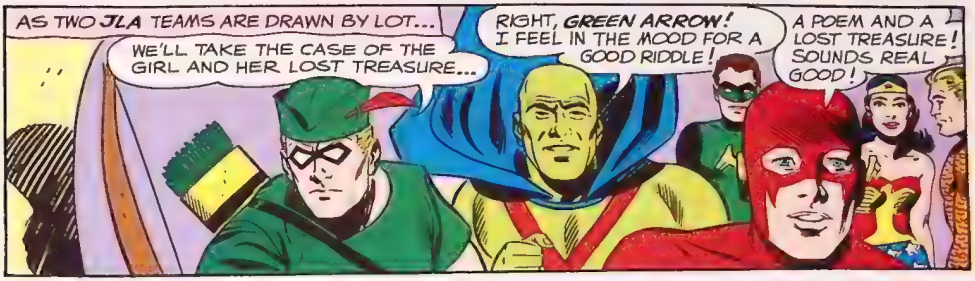
IN A STRANGE SORT OF LABORATORY ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF MIDWEST CITY...
THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS MAY SCOFF AT SUPERSTITION...
BUT IT WAS BAD LUCK ALONE THAT HAS RECENTLY PLAGUED THEM! I KNOW, FOR I--PROFESSOR AMOS FORTUNE--ARRANGED FOR IT TO HAPPEN!
FOR MANY YEARS LUCK HAS FASCINATED ME! I'VE MADE A LONG STUDY OF IT, FIRST AS A GAMBLER, THEN AS A SCIENTIST! I WAS CONVINCED THAT IF I COULD LEARN HOW AND WHEN LUCK FUNCTIONS, I'D BE ABLE TO CONTROL IT!
"I TESTED MY PERSONAL LUCK BY ATTACHING WIRES TO MY BODY AS I PLAYED CARDS, RESEARCHING THE LAWS OF CHANCE..."
SOMETHING MUST CONTROL MY RUN OF GOOD CARDS AND BAD CARDS! BUT WHAT?
"I WANDERED THROUGH THE CITY, SOMETIMES NARROWLY AVERTING ACCIDENTS, SOMETIMES BEING FELLED BY ADVERSE CONDITIONS, ALWAYS KEEPING A RECORD OF MY FORTUNE..."
THAT CAR ALMOST SKIDDED INTO ME! WHAT LUCKY BREAK MADE ME ESCAPE?
"FOR A TIME I INVESTIGATED ASTROLOGY, BUT SOON DISMISSED IT AS SHEER PSEUDO-SCIENCE..."
I'M AFTER SOMETHING THAT NEVER FAILS, THAT WORKS AS SCIENTIFICALLY AS THE LAW OF GRAVITATION!
ZODIA
ASTROL
"THEN, AT LONG LAST, I PINPOINTED THE LUCK FACTOR AS UNSUSPECTED TWIN GLANDS IN THE HUMAN BODY! JUST AS EMOTIONS CAN BE CONTROLLED BY ELECTRIC STIMULATION OF THE HYPOTHALAMUS GLAND--SO I CAN CONTROL LUCK BY STIMULATING THOSE TWIN GLANDS!

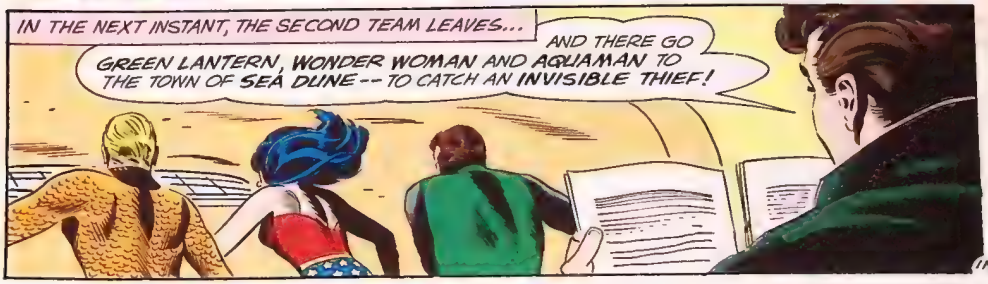
MY INVENTION WHICH I CALL THE STIMOLUCK ACTIVATES THE GOOD-LUCK GLAND OR ITS TWIN BAD-LUCK GLAND DEPENDING ON WHICH WAY I TURN IT! TO GIVE IT THE SUPREME TEST, I TRIED IT ON THE JUSTICE LEAGUE! IF I COULD HIT THEM WITH BAD LUCK--DESPITE THEIR SUPER-POWERS-- I COULD INFLICT IT ON ANYBODY!
BY ACTIVATING MY GOOD-LUCK GLAND, I MANAGED TO BE ON HAND WHEN THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS SUFFERED THEIR BAD LUCK! THE "BAD LUCK CHARMS" ONLY CONFUSED THEM--AND PREVENTED THEM FROM GUESSING SOMEONE WAS DELIBERATELY CAUSING THOSE ACCIDENTS TO HAPPEN!
NOW THAT I'VE PROVED WITHOUT A SHADOW OF A DOUBT THAT I CONTROL LUCK, I'M OFF TO CASH IN ON MY POWER!
IN THEIR SECRET SANCTUARY, THE MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA ARE GATHERING FOR A MEETING...
SINCE 30 DAYS HAVE PASSED WITHOUT AN EMERGENCY CASE REQUIRING OUR GETTING TOGETHER, OUR BY-LAWS CALL FOR US TO HOLD A ROUTINE MEETING!
HI, EVERYONE! I HOPE I'M LUCKIER IN HERE THAN I'VE BEEN OUTSIDE!
YOU MEAN YOU HAD SOME BAD LUCK TOO?
SO DID I!
I GOT KNOCKED OUT THANKS TO THE CURSE ON THE HOODOO OPAL--OR SO EVERYONE SAYS!
A BABBLE OF EXCITEMENT RISES AMONG THE MEMBERS...
LUCKILY FOR THE MAN I WAS TRYING TO RESCUE, A FIRE NET CAUGHT HIM!
THE POLICE CAUGHT THE MEN I WAS PURSUING--AND LOST-- WHEN I WAS KNOCKED COLD!
LOOKS AS IF WE'VE ALL HAD SOME BAD LUCK!


YOU BOYS, TOO? A BLACK CAT CROSSED MY PATH!
I SPILLED SOME SALT!
I BROKE A MIRROR!
I BROKE SOME SPIDER WEBS!
I WALKED UNDER A LADDER!
IN RUEFUL TONES, THEY RELATE THEIR EXPERIENCES...
...AND THEN I MANAGED TO PUT OUT THE UNDERBRUSH FIRE!
MY POWER RING REPAIRED THE TRUCK--AFTER THE DAMAGE HAD BEEN DONE!
I TURNED OVER THE OPAL TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES!
THE CROOKS I WAS CHASING RAN OUT OF THE WARE—HOUSE AND WERE CAPTURED!
ABRUPTLY THE SAME THOUGHT OCCURS TO EACH MEMBER...
SAY, YOU DON'T SUPPOSE--
--THAT OUR BAD LUCK WAS MORE THAN MERE COINCIDENCE?
IF SOMEONE WERE DELIBERATELY MAKING THOSE THINGS HAPPEN TO US--OH, THAT'S NONSENSE!
OF COURSE IT IS! NOBODY CAN MAKE ANYONE HAVE BAD LUCK!
SAY, HERE COMES SNAPPER WITH THE MAIL!
AT EVERY REGULAR MEETING, LETTERS RE-QUESTING THE ASSIST-ANCE OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA ARE SORTED THROUGH CARE-FULLY...
Whew! I'VE JUST BEAT FEET BACK FROM THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, FELLOW MEMBERS! THE RESULT--TWO LETTERS!
THESE MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE OUR ONLY CHANCE TO PERFORM SOME OF OUR LESS PUBLICIZED DEEDS! Hmm--LET'S OPEN THIS ONE...




A GIRL WRITES THAT A FAMILY TREASURE HAS BEEN HIDDEN AND A RIDDLE IN THE FORM OF A POEM IS THE ONLY CLUE TO ITS LOCATION! SHE NEEDS THE TREASURE TO SUPPORT HER DESTITUTE GRANDPARENTS!
THIS LETTER IS WORTH LOOKING INTO, ALSO!


AS TWO JLA TEAMS ARE DRAWN BY LOT...
WE'LL TAKE THE CASE OF THE GIRL AND HER LOST TREASURE...
RIGHT, GREEN ARROW! I FEEL IN THE MOOD FOR A GOOD RIDDLE!
A POEM AND A LOST TREASURE! SOUNDS REAL GOOD!


IN THE NEXT INSTANT, THE SECOND TEAM LEAVES...
AND THERE GO GREEN LANTERN, WONDER WOMAN AND AQUAMAN TO THE TOWN OF SEA DUNE -- TO CATCH AN INVISIBLE THIEF!

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WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE! CHAPTER 2
SPEEDING TO THE DEEPING FARM, FLASH, GREEN ARROW AND J'ONN J'ONZZ FIND HAZEL DEEPING WAITING FOR THEM, DELIGHT AND AMAZEMENT IN HER EYES! SUPER-BEINGS THOUGH THEY ARE, CAN THIS JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA TRIO SOLVE THE STRANGE RIDDLE OF THE OLD POEM AND LOCATE THE HIDDEN TREASURE?
THAT MUST BE HAZEL DEEPING--
THE GIRL WHO WROTE THE LETTER!
HURRYING FORWARD TO MEET THEM COMES THE YOUNG MISS...
HOW WONDERFUL! TO THINK YOU'D FIND THE TIME TO ANSWER MY LETTER IN PERSON!
NOW, HAZEL, TELL US MORE ABOUT THIS TREASURE...
BACK IN 1849, GREAT-GRANDFATHER HIRAM DEEPING STRUCK IT RICH IN CALIFORNIA! HE AMASSED A FORTUNE IN GOLD NUGGETS, THEN CAME BACK HOME TO THIS FARM WHERE HE HID HIS NUGGETS--WRITING A POEM ABOUT IT WHICH GOES...
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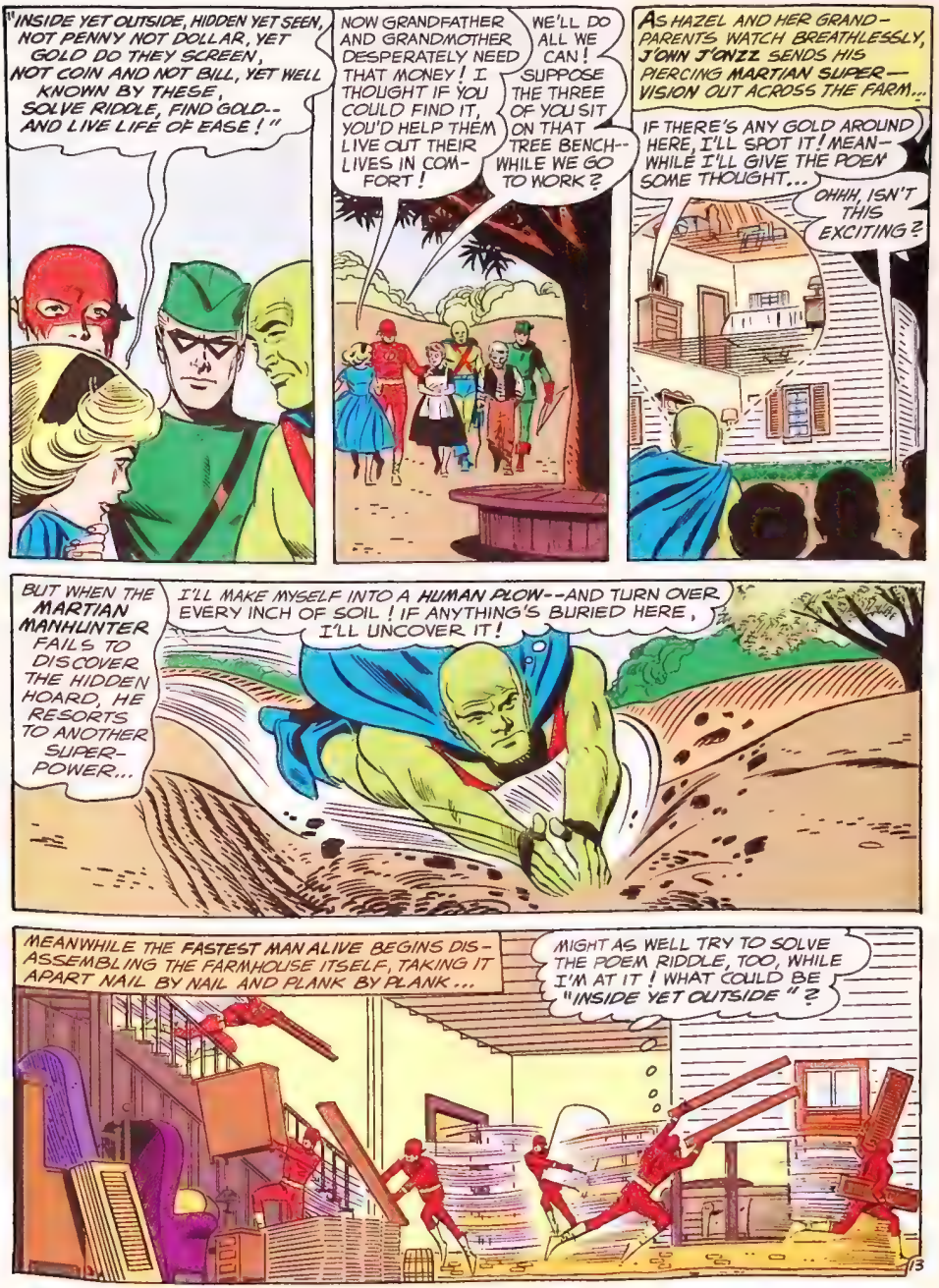
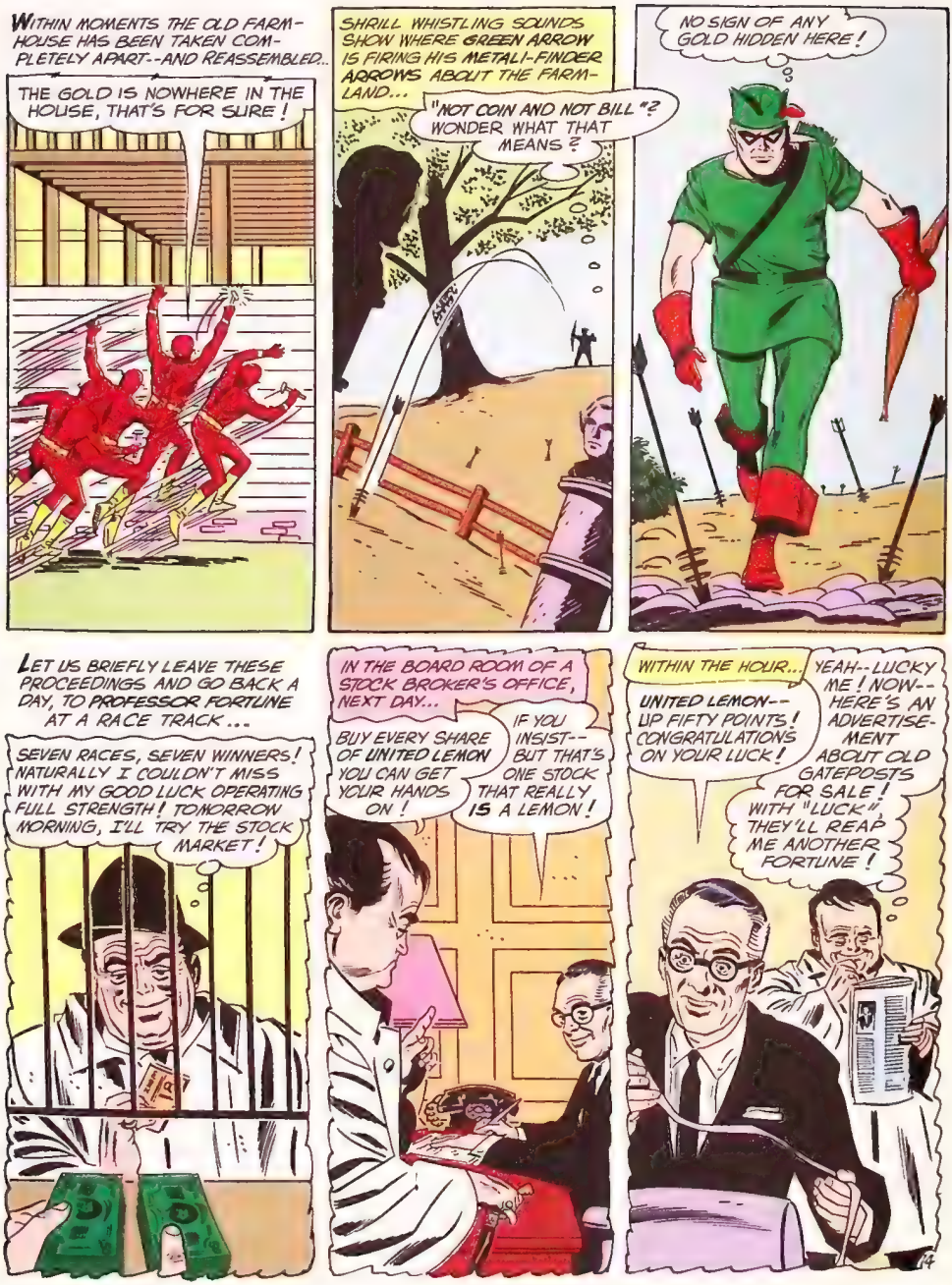
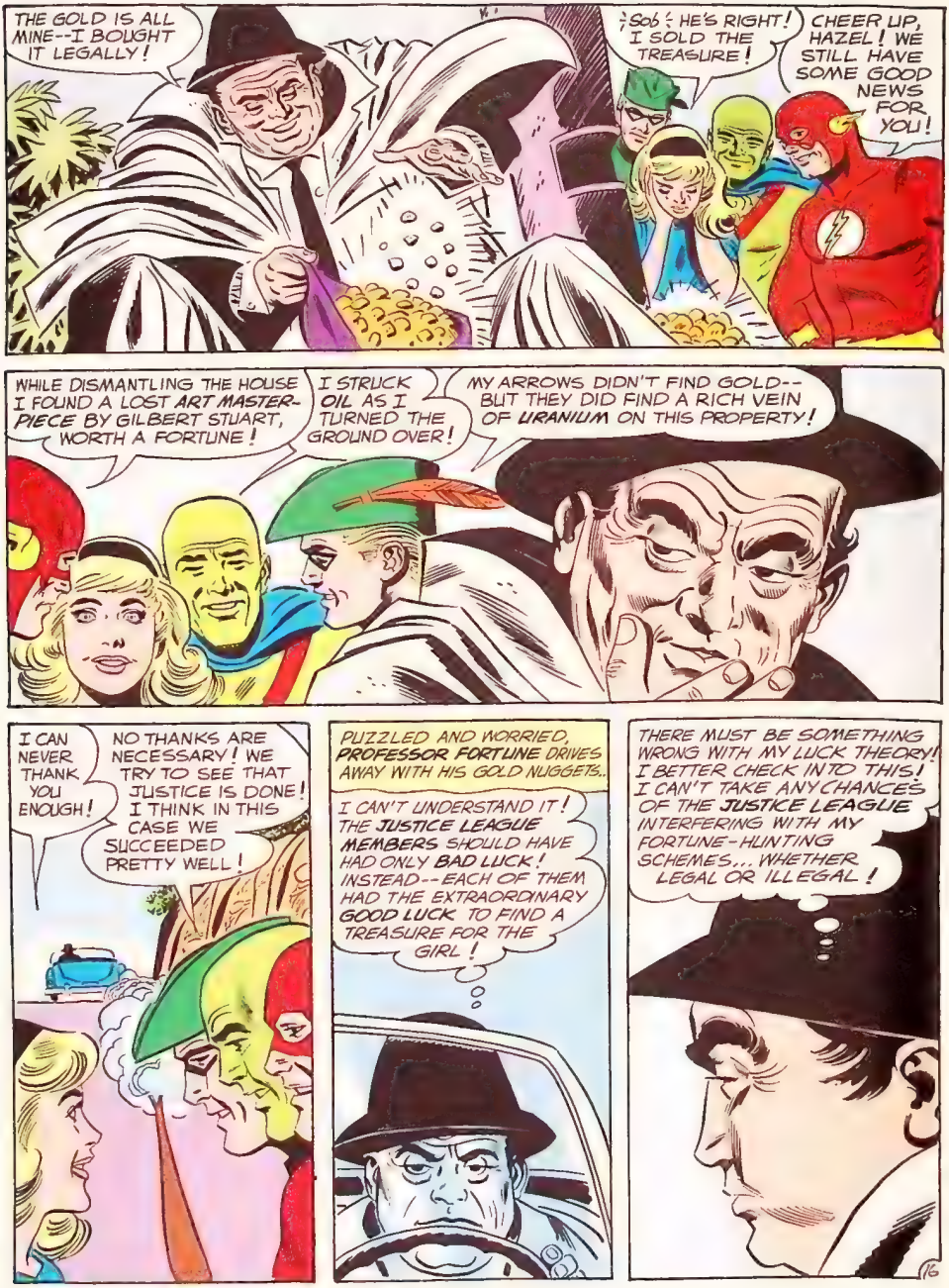

"INSIDE YET OUTSIDE, HIDDEN YET SEEN, NOT PENNY NOT DOLLAR, YET GOLD DO THEY SCREEN, NOT COIN AND NOT BILL, YET WELL KNOWN BY THESE, SOLVE RIDDLE, FIND GOLD-- AND LIVE LIFE OF EASE!"
NOW GRANDFATHER AND GRANDMOTHER DESPERATELY NEED THAT MONEY! I THOUGHT IF YOU COULD FIND IT, YOU'D HELP THEM LIVE OUT THEIR LIVES IN COMFORT!
WE'LL DO ALL WE CAN! SUPPOSE THE THREE OF YOU SIT ON THAT TREE BENCH-- WHILE WE GO TO WORK?
AS HAZEL AND HER GRANDPARENTS WATCH BREATHLESSLY, J'ONN J'ONZZ SENDS HIS PIERCING MARTIAN SUPER-VISION OUT ACROSS THE FARM...
IF THERE'S ANY GOLD AROUND HERE, I'LL SPOT IT! MEANWHILE I'LL GIVE THE POEM SOME THOUGHT...
OHHH, ISN'T THIS EXCITING?
BUT WHEN THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER FAILS TO DISCOVER THE HIDDEN HOARD, HE RESORTS TO ANOTHER SUPER-POWER...
I'LL MAKE MYSELF INTO A HUMAN PLOW--AND TURN OVER EVERY INCH OF SOIL! IF ANYTHING'S BURIED HERE, I'LL UNCOVER IT!
MEANWHILE THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE BEGINS DISASSEMBLING THE FARMHOUSE ITSELF, TAKING IT APART NAIL BY NAIL AND PLANK BY PLANK...
MIGHT AS WELL TRY TO SOLVE THE POEM RIDDLE, TOO, WHILE I'M AT IT! WHAT COULD BE "INSIDE YET OUTSIDE"?


WITHIN MOMENTS THE OLD FARM-HOUSE HAS BEEN TAKEN COMPLETELY APART--AND REASSEMBLED..
THE GOLD IS NOWHERE IN THE HOUSE, THAT'S FOR SURE!
SHRILL WHISTLING SOUNDS SHOW WHERE GREEN ARROW IS FIRING HIS METALI-FINDER ARROWS ABOUT THE FARM-LAND...
"NOT COIN AND NOT BILL"? WONDER WHAT THAT MEANS?
SHOOT!
NO SIGN OF ANY GOLD HIDDEN HERE!
LET US BRIEFLY LEAVE THESE PROCEEDINGS AND GO BACK A DAY, TO PROFESSOR FORTUNE AT A RACE TRACK...
SEVEN RACES, SEVEN WINNERS! NATURALLY I COULDN'T MISS WITH MY GOOD LUCK OPERATING FULL STRENGTH! TOMORROW MORNING, I'LL TRY THE STOCK MARKET!
IN THE BOARD ROOM OF A STOCK BROKER'S OFFICE, NEXT DAY...
BUY EVERY SHARE OF UNITED LEMON YOU CAN GET YOUR HANDS ON!
IF YOU INSIST--BUT THAT'S ONE STOCK THAT REALLY IS A LEMON!
WITHIN THE HOUR...
UNITED LEMON--UP FIFTY POINTS! CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR LUCK!
YEAH--LUCKY ME! NOW--HERE'S AN ADVERTISEMENT ABOUT OLD GATEPOSTS FOR SALE! WITH "LUCK" THEY'LL REAP ME ANOTHER FORTUNE!

AND SO, RETURNING TO THE PRESENT..
YOUNG LADY, I'M HERE TO BUY THE ANTIQUE GATEPOSTS YOU ADVERTISED IN THE PAPER!
AT LEAST I CAN MAKE A LITTLE MONEY THAT WAY!
AT THIS MOMENT, THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA MEMBERS ARE CONVERGING AT THE FRONT GATE...
I THINK I'VE SOLVED THE RIDDLE...
SO HAVE I!
AND I!
INSIDE YET OUTSIDE MEANS THE GOLD IS HIDDEN INSIDE AN OBJECT WHICH IS OUTSIDE THE HOUSE!
COIN AND PENNY--KNOWN BY THESE-- REFERS TO THE HEAD OF LINCOLN!
JUST AS DOLLAR AND BILL REFER TO THE HEAD OF WASHINGTON!
THESE LINCOLN AND WASHINGTON GATEPOSTS ARE MADE OF LEAD--WHICH MY X-RAY VISION COULDN'T PENETRATE!
THE LEAD PROTECTED THE GOLD FROM BEING DETECTED BY METALI-FINDER ARROWS!
HEY, THERE! STAY AWAY FROM THOSE GATEPOSTS! I JUST BOUGHT THEM--AND EVERYTHING INSIDE THEM BELONGS TO ME!
OHHH, DEAR! WHAT HAVE I DONE?


THE GOLD IS ALL MINE--I BOUGHT IT LEGALLY!
SOB! HE'S RIGHT! I SOLD THE TREASURE!
CHEER UP, HAZEL! WE STILL HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS FOR YOU!
WHILE DISMANTLING THE HOUSE I FOUND A LOST ART MASTER-PIECE BY GILBERT STUART, WORTH A FORTUNE!
I STRUCK OIL AS I TURNED THE GROUND OVER!
MY ARROWS DIDN'T FIND GOLD-- BUT THEY DID FIND A RICH VEIN OF URANIUM ON THIS PROPERTY!
I CAN NEVER THANK YOU ENOUGH!
NO THANKS ARE NECESSARY! WE TRY TO SEE THAT JUSTICE IS DONE! I THINK IN THIS CASE WE SUCCEEDED PRETTY WELL!
PUZZLED AND WORRIED, PROFESSOR FORTUNE DRIVES AWAY WITH HIS GOLD NUGGETS..
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE HAD ONLY BAD LUCK! INSTEAD--EACH OF THEM HAD THE EXTRAORDINARY GOOD LUCK TO FIND A TREASURE FOR THE GIRL!
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH MY LUCK THEORY! I BETTER CHECK INTO THIS! I CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERFERING WITH MY FORTUNE-HUNTING SCHEMES... WHETHER LEGAL OR ILLEGAL!

WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE! CHAPTER 3

THERE'S THE SEASIDE MUSEUM WHERE AN INVISIBLE THIEF IS STEALING VALUABLE ART OBJECTS!
APPROACHING THE COASTAL TOWN OF SEA DUNES, GREEN LANTERN, WONDER WOMAN AND AQUAMAN CATCH THEIR FIRST GLIMPSE OF THE MUSEUM WHERE IMPOSSIBLE CRIMES HAVE BEEN OCCURRING...
THEY ARE MET BY THE CURATOR, AUGUST JONES, AND THE CUSTODIAN, CHARLES HOBART...
AS YOU KNOW FROM MY LETTER, SOMEONE HAS BEEN STEALING MUSEUM TREASURES FROM US! MILLIONAIRES LIVING IN SEA DUNES HAVE CONTRIBUTED MUCH MONEY TO MAKE OUR DISPLAY ROOMS WORLD-FAMOUS...
ORIGINALLY THE MUSEUM WAS A CASTLE BUILT HERE BY AN ENGLISH LORD IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY! NOBODY COULD BREAK INSIDE TO STEAL, BECAUSE THE WALLS AND FLOOR AND CEILING ARE OF SOLID STONE!
THIS DOORWAY IS THE ONLY ENTRANCE, BUT WE LOCK IT EVERY NIGHT! EVEN IF THE THIEF HAD A KEY, WE'RE SURE HE DOESN'T ENTER THIS WAY BECAUSE EVERY NIGHT WE SEAL THE DOOR WITH WAX--AND THE WAX IS UNTOUCHED THE FOLLOWING MORNING!
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ALONE, THE JLA TRIO EXAMINES THE MUSEUM ROOM ...
THE DOOR'S THE ONLY WAY IN--YET THE THIEF DOESN'T USE IT!
THE FLOOR'S SOLID... SO'S THE CEILING! NO TRAP DOORS OR SECRET PASSAGEWAYS!
SOLID STONE WALLS! BARRED WINDOWS! LOOKS AS IF WE'RE CONFRONTED BY--AN IMPOSSIBLE CRIME!
BEFORE THE MUSEUM IS LOCKED FOR THE NIGHT.
I'M COATING EACH OF THE MUSEUM'S PIECES WITH AN INVISIBLE AURA! IF ANY OF THEM IS TOUCHED TONIGHT, IT WILL CAUSE MY POWER RING TO GLOW!
THEN THE CUSTODIAN MAKES HIS LAST ROUND..
EVERYTHING'S IN ITS PROPER PLACE!
I'LL POWER-RING X-RAY YOU--JUST TO BE SURE YOU HAVEN'T SLIPPED SOMETHING INTO YOUR POCKET!
I'LL LOCK AND SEAL THE DOOR!
WE COULD REMAIN IN THE ROOM OVERNIGHT TO MAKE SURE NOTHING WAS STOLEN... BUT THAT WOULD SCARE OFF THE THIEF--AND OUR JOB IS TO CATCH HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
I SEE--TO CATCH AN INVISIBLE THIEF WE HAVE TO BE "INVISIBLE" OURSELVES!
I'LL HOP IN MY ROBOT PLANE AND FLY AROUND AND AROUND HIGH OVER THE MUSEUM, KEEPING IT IN VIEW ALL THE TIME!
AND I'LL TELL MY FRIENDS THE CREATURES OF THE SEA TO ALERT ME IF ANYONE APPROACHES FROM THE SEA ITSELF!
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THAT NIGHT, **WONDER WOMAN** FLIES BACK AND FORTH ABOVE THE STONE MUSEUM AND FROM HER VANTAGE POINT SEES AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS STUDYING THE STARS, A FISHERMAN CASTING INTO THE SEA, TRUCKERS AND OTHERS WHO LIVE IN THE DARK HOURS...

NO SUSPICIOUS SIGN YET...

DURING THE LONG WAIT, **GREEN LANTERN** AND **AQUAMAN** ENTERTAIN THE CURATOR WITH TALES OF THEIR MANY ADVENTURES...

TIME FOR ME TO IMMERSE MYSELF IN WATER! WHEN I RETURN, I'LL TELL YOU THE STRANGE ADVENTURE OF THE **PURPLE OCTOPUS**...

THEN SUDDENLY, A LITTLE AFTER DAWN...

GREEN LANTERN--THE **POWER RING**--IT'S GLOWING!

THAT MEANS SOMEBODY HAS STOLEN ONE OF THE OBJECTS I MARKED WITH AN INVISIBLE AURA! LET'S GO!

EARLY THAT SAME MORNING, HAVING GIVEN HIMSELF ANOTHER SHOT OF GOOD LUCK FROM HIS **STIMOLUCK**, **PROFESSOR FORTUNE** GOES FOR A DRIVE...

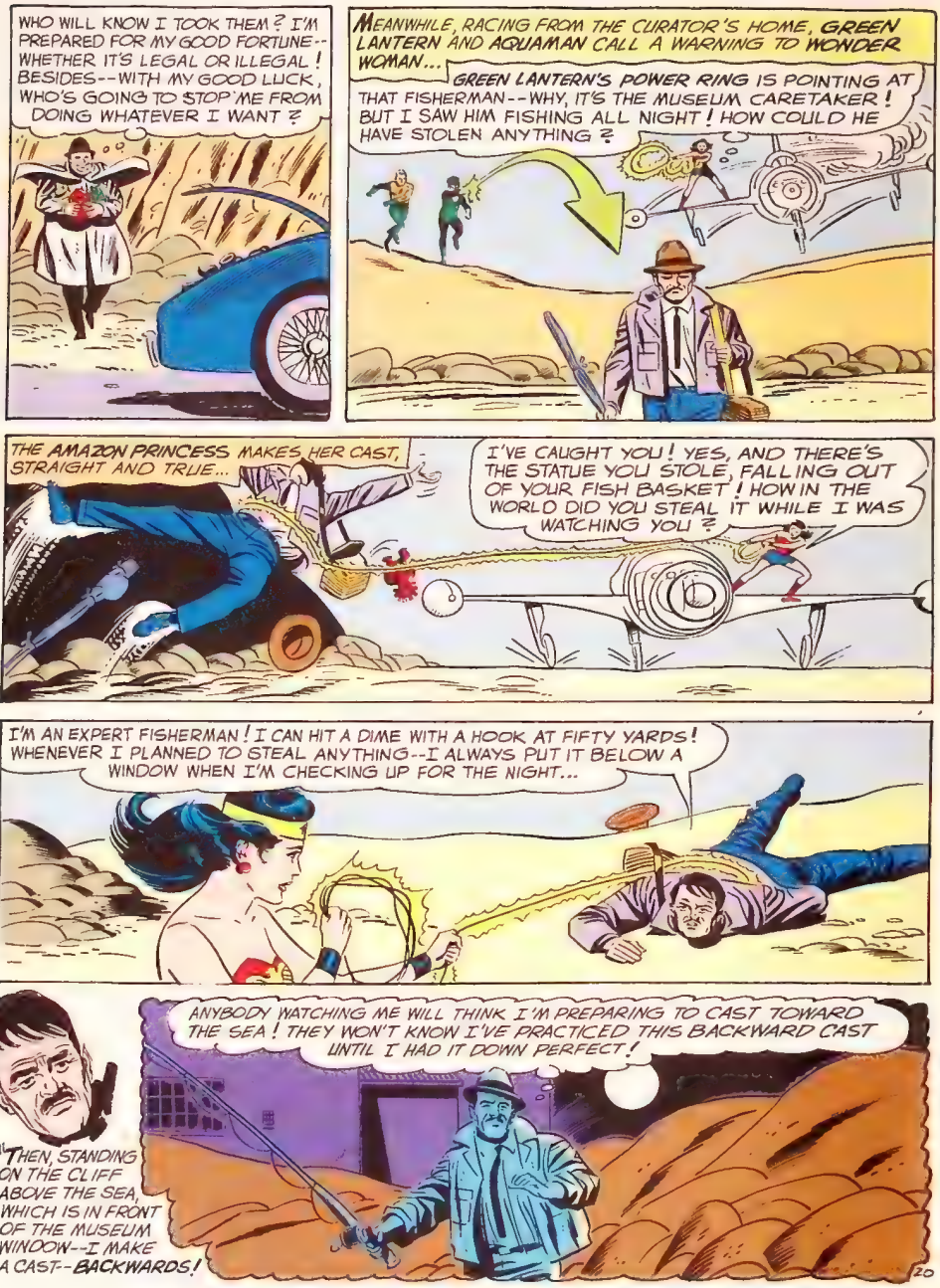
I DON'T KNOW **WHERE** I'M GOING OR **WHY**--BUT HAVING USED THE **STIMOLUCK** ON MYSELF--I KNOW I'LL HAVE ONLY GOOD LUCK!

NOT FAR FROM THE SEA DUNES MUSEUM...

SOMETHING MADE ME STOP THE CAR AND START CLIMBING THIS SEA CLIFF! I WONDER WHY...!

MOMENTS AFTERWARDS...

AHH--HERE'S THE ANSWER! I'VE STUMBLED ON THE SECRET CACHE WHERE THE MUSEUM ROBBER I READ ABOUT IN THE NEWSPAPERS HIDES HIS LOOT! IT'S **STOLEN** GOODS--BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME!


WHO WILL KNOW I TOOK THEM? I'M PREPARED FOR MY GOOD FORTUNE--WHETHER IT'S LEGAL OR ILLEGAL! BESIDES--WITH MY GOOD LUCK, WHO'S GOING TO STOP ME FROM DOING WHATEVER I WANT?
MEANWHILE, RACING FROM THE CURATOR'S HOME, GREEN LANTERN AND AQUAMAN CALL A WARNING TO WONDER WOMAN...
GREEN LANTERN'S POWER RING IS POINTING AT THAT FISHERMAN--WHY, IT'S THE MUSEUM CARETAKER! BUT I SAW HIM FISHING ALL NIGHT! HOW COULD HE HAVE STOLEN ANYTHING?
THE AMAZON PRINCESS MAKES HER CAST, STRAIGHT AND TRUE...
I'VE CAUGHT YOU! YES, AND THERE'S THE STATUE YOU STOLE, FALLING OUT OF YOUR FISH BASKET! HOW IN THE WORLD DID YOU STEAL IT WHILE I WAS WATCHING YOU?
I'M AN EXPERT FISHERMAN! I CAN HIT A DIME WITH A HOOK AT FIFTY YARDS! WHENEVER I PLANNED TO STEAL ANYTHING--I ALWAYS PUT IT BELOW A WINDOW WHEN I'M CHECKING UP FOR THE NIGHT...
ANYBODY WATCHING ME WILL THINK I'M PREPARING TO CAST TOWARD THE SEA! THEY WON'T KNOW I'VE PRACTICED THIS BACKWARD CAST UNTIL I HAD IT DOWN PERFECT!
"THEN, STANDING ON THE CLIFF ABOVE THE SEA, WHICH IS IN FRONT OF THE MUSEUM WINDOW--I MAKE A CAST--BACKWARDS!
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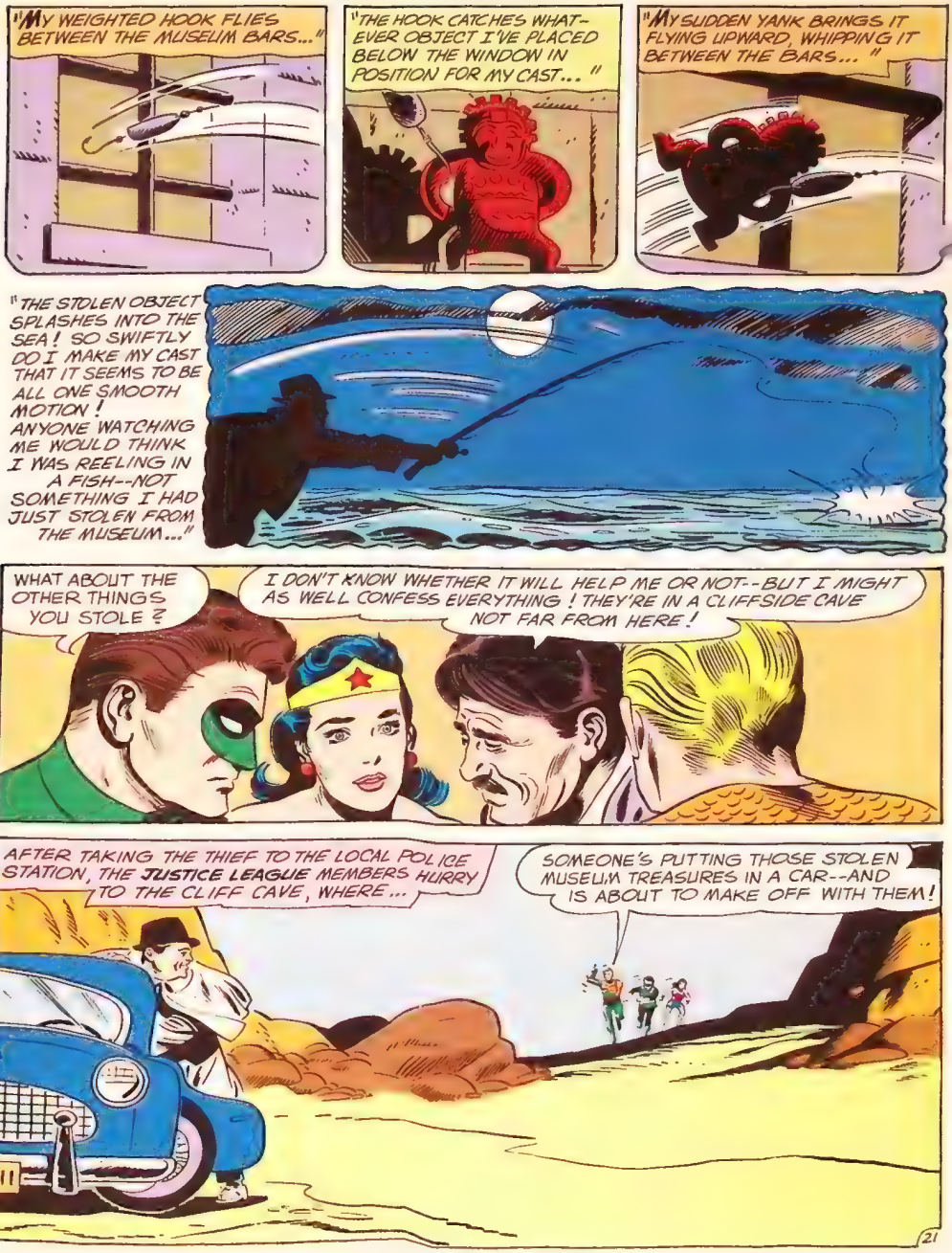
"MY WEIGHTED HOOK FLIES BETWEEN THE MUSEUM BARS..."
"THE HOOK CATCHES WHATEVER OBJECT I'VE PLACED BELOW THE WINDOW IN POSITION FOR MY CAST..."
"MY SUDDEN YANK BRINGS IT FLYING UPWARD, WHIPPING IT BETWEEN THE BARS..."
"THE STOLEN OBJECT SPLASHES INTO THE SEA! SO SWIFTLY DO I MAKE MY CAST THAT IT SEEMS TO BE ALL ONE SMOOTH MOTION! ANYONE WATCHING ME WOULD THINK I WAS REELING IN A FISH--NOT SOMETHING I HAD JUST STOLEN FROM THE MUSEUM..."
WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER THINGS YOU STOLE?
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT WILL HELP ME OR NOT--BUT I MIGHT AS WELL CONFESS EVERYTHING! THEY'RE IN A CLIFFSIDE CAVE NOT FAR FROM HERE!
AFTER TAKING THE THIEF TO THE LOCAL POLICE STATION, THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS HURRY TO THE CLIFF CAVE, WHERE...
SOMEONE'S PUTTING THOSE STOLEN MUSEUM TREASURES IN A CAR--AND IS ABOUT TO MAKE OFF WITH THEM!
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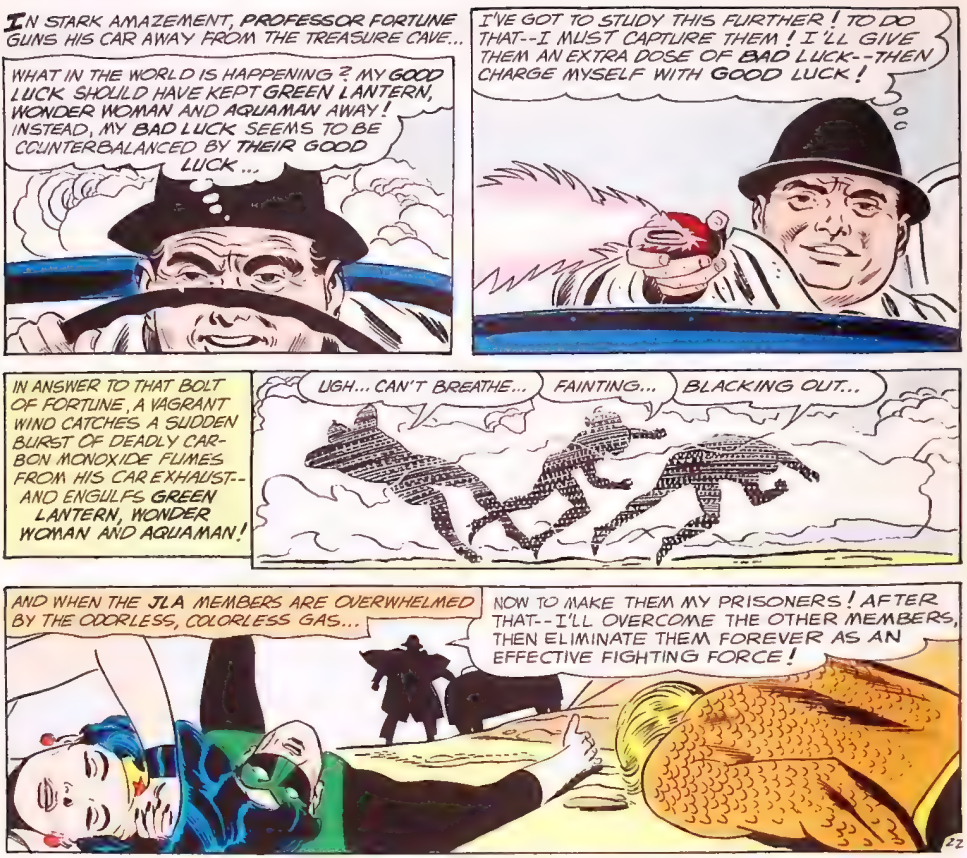
IN STARK AMAZEMENT, PROFESSOR FORTUNE GUNS HIS CAR AWAY FROM THE TREASURE CAVE...
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS HAPPENING? MY GOOD LUCK SHOULD HAVE KEPT GREEN LANTERN, WONDER WOMAN AND AQUAMAN AWAY! INSTEAD, MY BAD LUCK SEEMS TO BE COUNTERBALANCED BY THEIR GOOD LUCK...
I'VE GOT TO STUDY THIS FURTHER! TO DO THAT--I MUST CAPTURE THEM! I'LL GIVE THEM AN EXTRA DOSE OF BAD LUCK--THEN CHARGE MYSELF WITH GOOD LUCK!
IN ANSWER TO THAT BOLT OF FORTUNE, A VAGRANT WIND CATCHES A SUDDEN BURST OF DEADLY CARBON MONOXIDE FUMES FROM HIS CAR EXHAUST--AND ENGULFS GREEN LANTERN, WONDER WOMAN AND AQUAMAN!
UGH... CAN'T BREATHE...
FAINTING...
BLACKING OUT...
AND WHEN THE JLA MEMBERS ARE OVERWHELMED BY THE ODORLESS, COLORLESS GAS...
NOW TO MAKE THEM MY PRISONERS! AFTER THAT--I'LL OVERCOME THE OTHER MEMBERS, THEN ELIMINATE THEM FOREVER AS AN EFFECTIVE FIGHTING FORCE!
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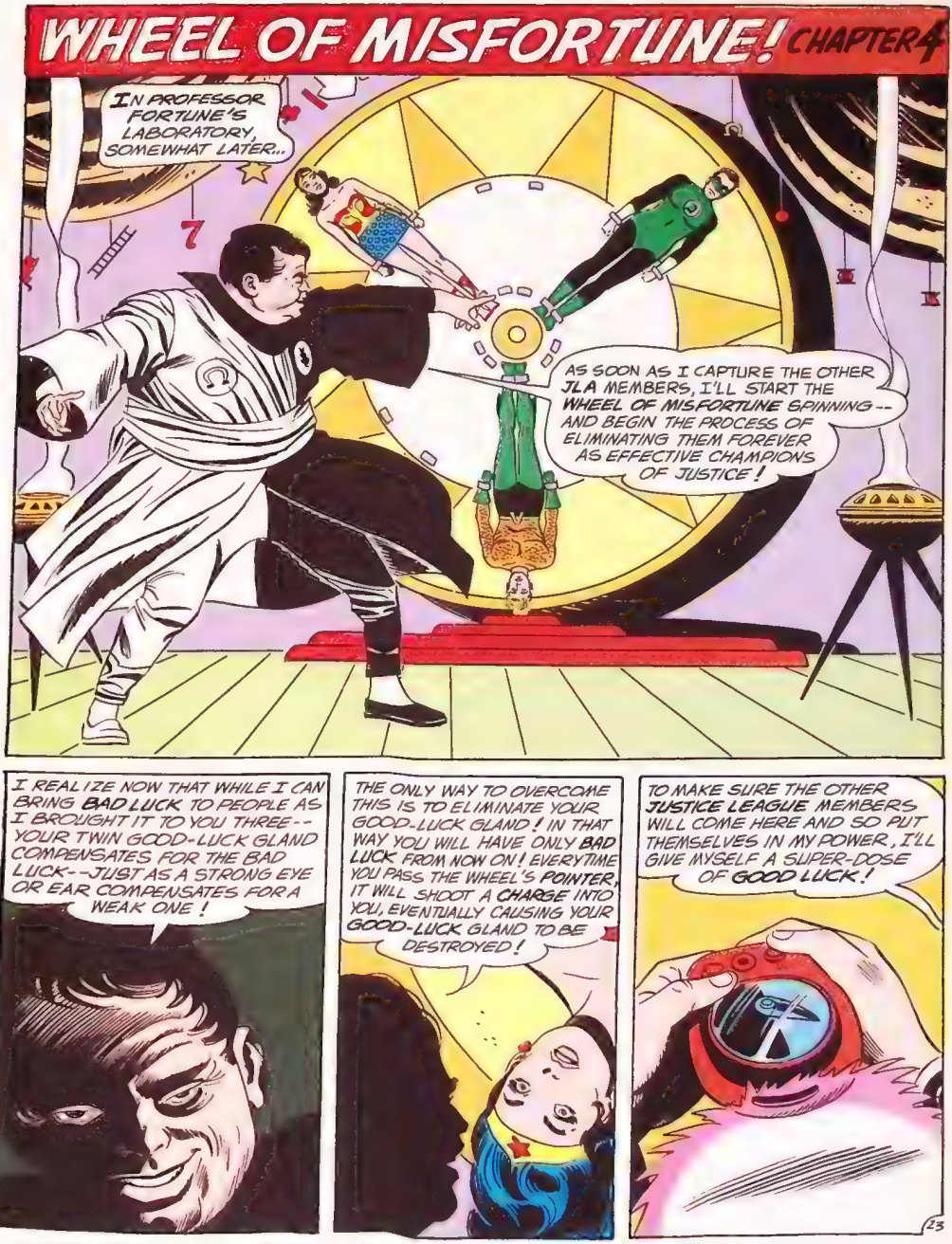
WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE! CHAPTER 4
IN PROFESSOR FORTUNE'S LABORATORY, SOMEWHAT LATER...
AS SOON AS I CAPTURE THE OTHER JLA MEMBERS, I'LL START THE WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE SPINNING -- AND BEGIN THE PROCESS OF ELIMINATING THEM FOREVER AS EFFECTIVE CHAMPIONS OF JUSTICE!
I REALIZE NOW THAT WHILE I CAN BRING BAD LUCK TO PEOPLE AS I BROUGHT IT TO YOU THREE -- YOUR TWIN GOOD-LUCK GLAND COMPENSATES FOR THE BAD LUCK -- JUST AS A STRONG EYE OR EAR COMPENSATES FOR A WEAK ONE!
THE ONLY WAY TO OVERCOME THIS IS TO ELIMINATE YOUR GOOD-LUCK GLAND! IN THAT WAY YOU WILL HAVE ONLY BAD LUCK FROM NOW ON! EVERYTIME YOU PASS THE WHEEL'S POINTER, IT WILL SHOOT A CHARGE INTO YOU, EVENTUALLY CAUSING YOUR GOOD-LUCK GLAND TO BE DESTROYED!
TO MAKE SURE THE OTHER JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS WILL COME HERE AND SO PUT THEMSELVES IN MY POWER, I'LL GIVE MYSELF A SUPER-DOSE OF GOOD LUCK!
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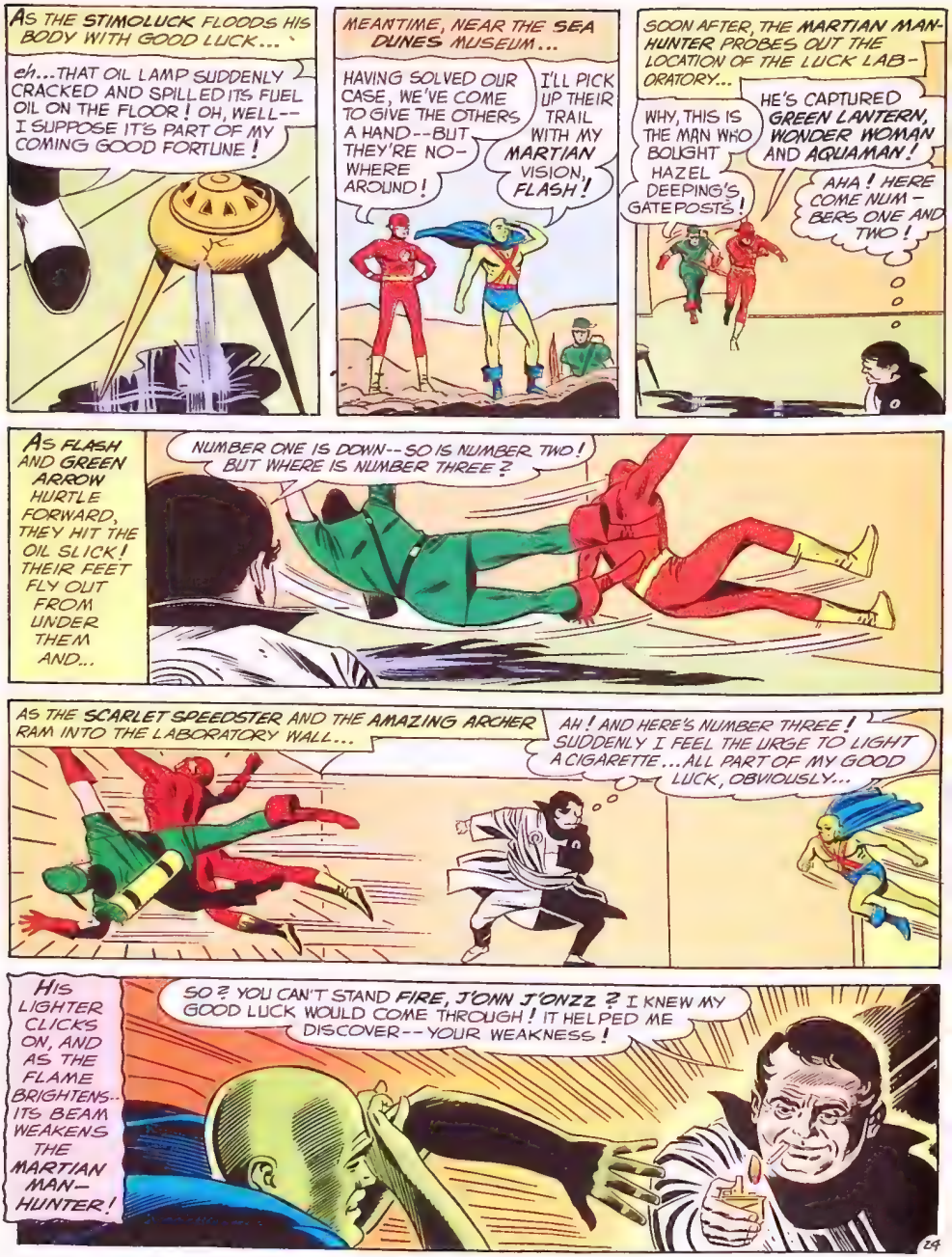
AS THE STIMOLUCK FLOODS HIS BODY WITH GOOD LUCK...
eh...THAT OIL LAMP SUDDENLY CRACKED AND SPILLED ITS FUEL OIL ON THE FLOOR! OH, WELL-- I SUPPOSE IT'S PART OF MY COMING GOOD FORTUNE!
MEANTIME, NEAR THE SEA DUNES MUSEUM...
HAVING SOLVED OUR CASE, WE'VE COME TO GIVE THE OTHERS A HAND--BUT THEY'RE NOWHERE AROUND!
I'LL PICK UP THEIR TRAIL WITH MY MARTIAN VISION, FLASH!
SOON AFTER, THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER PROBES OUT THE LOCATION OF THE LUCK LABORATORY...
WHY, THIS IS THE MAN WHO BOUGHT HAZEL DEEPING'S GATEPOSTS!
HE'S CAPTURED GREEN LANTERN, WONDER WOMAN AND AQUAMAN!
AHA! HERE COME NUMBERS ONE AND TWO!
AS FLASH AND GREEN ARROW HURTLE FORWARD, THEY HIT THE OIL SLICK! THEIR FEET FLY OUT FROM UNDER THEM AND...
NUMBER ONE IS DOWN--SO IS NUMBER TWO! BUT WHERE IS NUMBER THREE?
AS THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER AND THE AMAZING ARCHER RAM INTO THE LABORATORY WALL...
AH! AND HERE'S NUMBER THREE! SUDDENLY I FEEL THE URGE TO LIGHT A CIGARETTE...ALL PART OF MY GOOD LUCK, OBVIOUSLY...
HIS LIGHTER CLICKS ON, AND AS THE FLAME BRIGHTENS--ITS BEAM WEAKENS THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER!
SO? YOU CAN'T STAND FIRE, J'ONN J'ONZZ? I KNEW MY GOOD LUCK WOULD COME THROUGH! IT HELPED ME DISCOVER--YOUR WEAKNESS!
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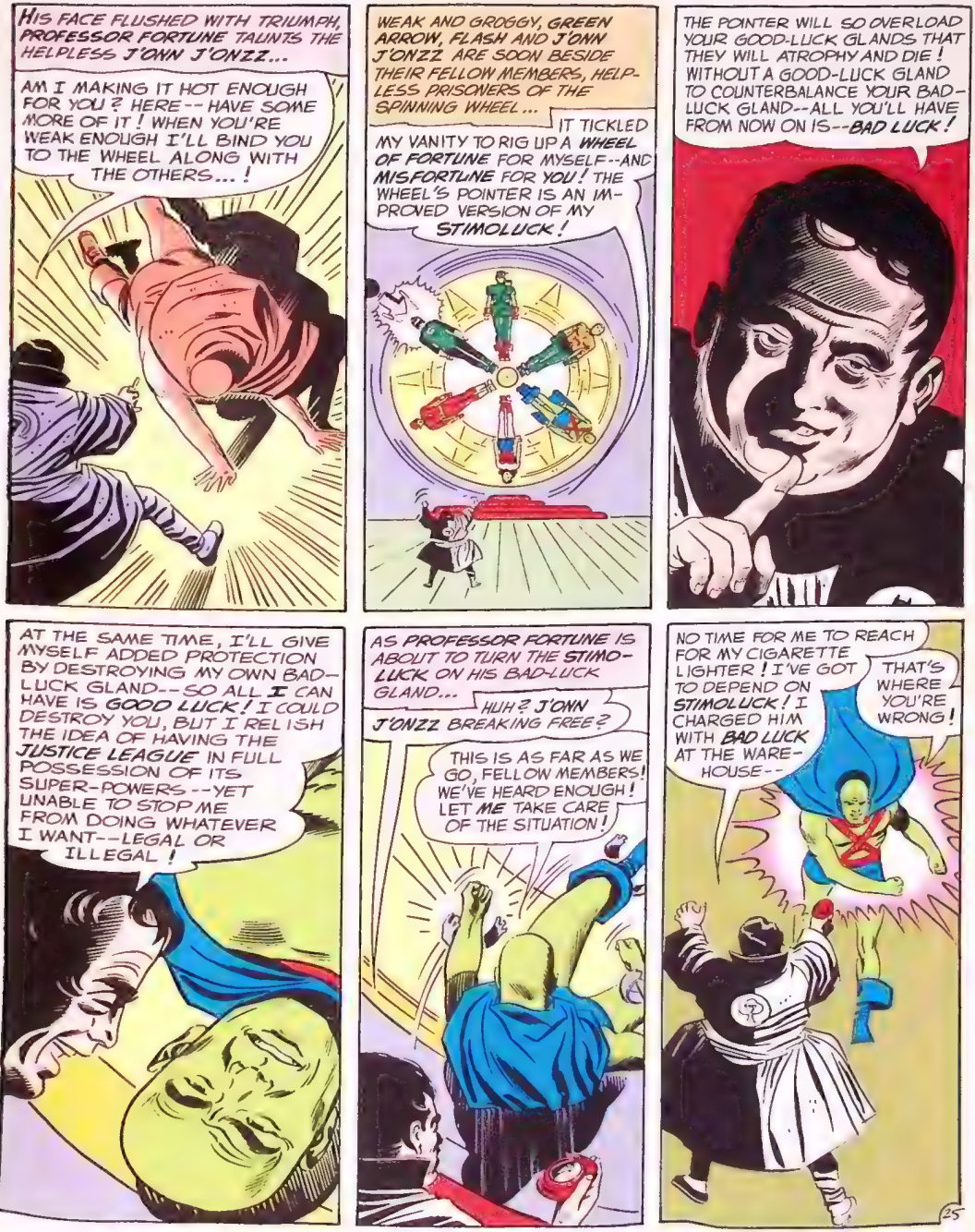
HIS FACE FLUSHED WITH TRIUMPH, PROFESSOR FORTUNE TAUNTS THE HELPLESS J'ONN J'ONZZ...
AM I MAKING IT HOT ENOUGH FOR YOU? HERE-- HAVE SOME MORE OF IT! WHEN YOU'RE WEAK ENOUGH I'LL BIND YOU TO THE WHEEL ALONG WITH THE OTHERS...!
WEAK AND GROGGY, GREEN ARROW, FLASH AND J'ONN J'ONZZ ARE SOON BESIDE THEIR FELLOW MEMBERS, HELPLESS PRISONERS OF THE SPINNING WHEEL...
IT TICKLED MY VANITY TO RIG UP A WHEEL OF FORTUNE FOR MYSELF--AND MISFORTUNE FOR YOU! THE WHEEL'S POINTER IS AN IMPROVED VERSION OF MY STIMOLUCK!
THE POINTER WILL SO OVERLOAD YOUR GOOD-LUCK GLANDS THAT THEY WILL ATROPHY AND DIE! WITHOUT A GOOD-LUCK GLAND TO COUNTERBALANCE YOUR BAD-LUCK GLAND--ALL YOU'LL HAVE FROM NOW ON IS--BAD LUCK!
AT THE SAME TIME, I'LL GIVE MYSELF ADDED PROTECTION BY DESTROYING MY OWN BAD-LUCK GLAND--SO ALL I CAN HAVE IS GOOD LUCK! I COULD DESTROY YOU, BUT I RELISH THE IDEA OF HAVING THE JUSTICE LEAGUE IN FULL POSSESSION OF ITS SUPER-POWERS--YET UNABLE TO STOP ME FROM DOING WHATEVER I WANT--LEGAL OR ILLEGAL!
AS PROFESSOR FORTUNE IS ABOUT TO TURN THE STIMOLUCK ON HIS BAD-LUCK GLAND...
HUH? J'ONN J'ONZZ BREAKING FREE?
THIS IS AS FAR AS WE GO, FELLOW MEMBERS! WE'VE HEARD ENOUGH! LET ME TAKE CARE OF THE SITUATION!
NO TIME FOR ME TO REACH FOR MY CIGARETTE LIGHTER! I'VE GOT TO DEPEND ON STIMOLUCK! I CHARGED HIM WITH BAD LUCK AT THE WAREHOUSE--
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG!
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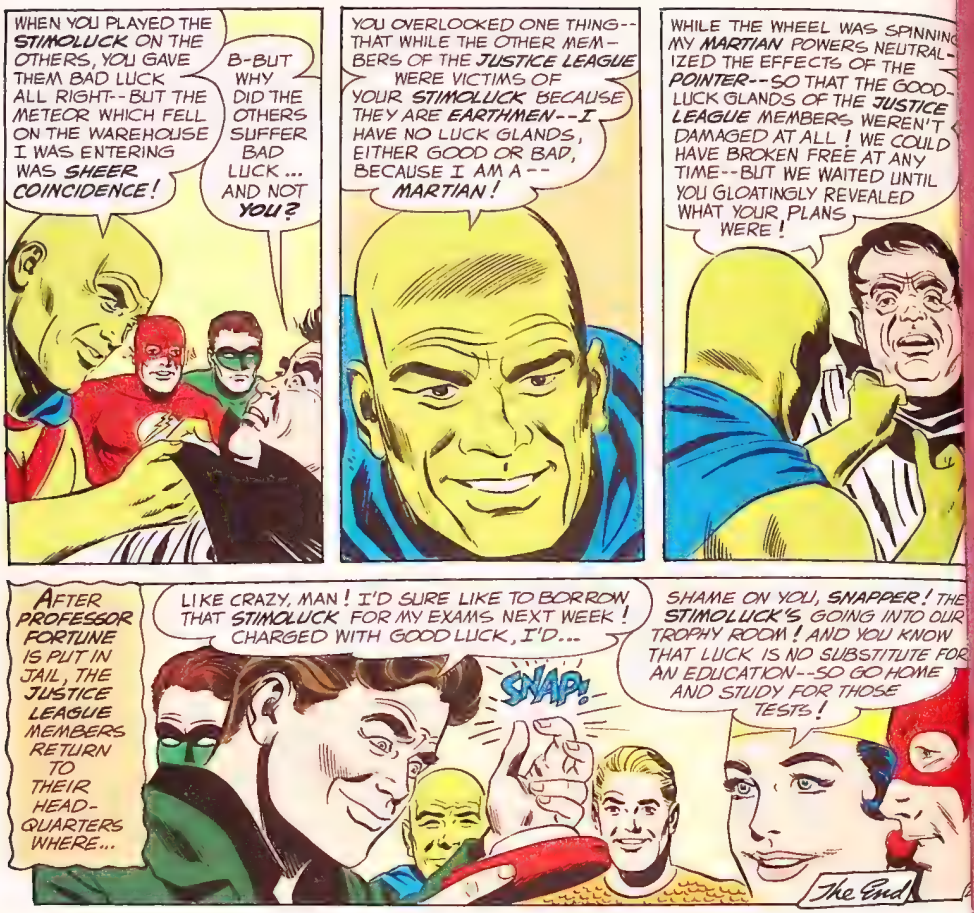
WHEN YOU PLAYED THE STIMOLUCK ON THE OTHERS, YOU GAVE THEM BAD LUCK ALL RIGHT--BUT THE METEOR WHICH FELL ON THE WAREHOUSE I WAS ENTERING WAS SHEER COINCIDENCE!
B-BUT WHY DID THE OTHERS SUFFER BAD LUCK... AND NOT YOU?
YOU OVERLOOKED ONE THING--THAT WHILE THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE WERE VICTIMS OF YOUR STIMOLUCK BECAUSE THEY ARE EARTHMEN--I HAVE NO LUCK GLANDS, EITHER GOOD OR BAD, BECAUSE I AM A-- MARTIAN!
WHILE THE WHEEL WAS SPINNING MY MARTIAN POWERS NEUTRALIZED THE EFFECTS OF THE POINTER--SO THAT THE GOOD-LUCK GLANDS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS WEREN'T DAMAGED AT ALL! WE COULD HAVE BROKEN FREE AT ANY TIME--BUT WE WAITED UNTIL YOU GLOATINGLY REVEALED WHAT YOUR PLANS WERE!
AFTER PROFESSOR FORTUNE IS PUT IN JAIL, THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS RETURN TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS WHERE...
LIKE CRAZY, MAN! I'D SURE LIKE TO BORROW THAT STIMOLUCK FOR MY EXAMS NEXT WEEK! CHARGED WITH GOOD LUCK, I'D...
SNAP!
SHAME ON YOU, SNAPPER! THE STIMOLUCK'S GOING INTO OUR TROPHY ROOM! AND YOU KNOW THAT LUCK IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR AN EDUCATION--SO GO HOME AND STUDY FOR THOSE TESTS!
The End

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